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HE NOT ONLY TEACHES HIS
MEN HOW TO FIGHT, BUT WHAT
THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR—AND
THE JAPS ON MAKIN' AND
GUADALCANAL HAVE LEARNED
JUST HOW TOUGH THAT MAKES
'CARLSON'S RAIDERS'.

AFTER
SERVING
AS A
CAPTAIN IN
THE U.S.
ARMY IN
WORLD
WAR 1,
CARLSON
ENLISTED
AS A
PRIVATE
IN THE
MARINE
CORPS
IN 1922.

LATER, IN NICARAGUA, CENTRAL AMERICA...

THESE BANDITS ARE CLEVER GUERRILLA
FIGHTERS. THEIR FAVORITE TRICK IS
TO TRAVEL AT NIGHT AND AMBUSH
OUR FORCES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!



BUT WE'LL GO
THEM ONE BETTER.
WE'LL NOT ONLY
TRAVEL AT NIGHT,
BUT AMBUSH
THEM AT NIGHT!



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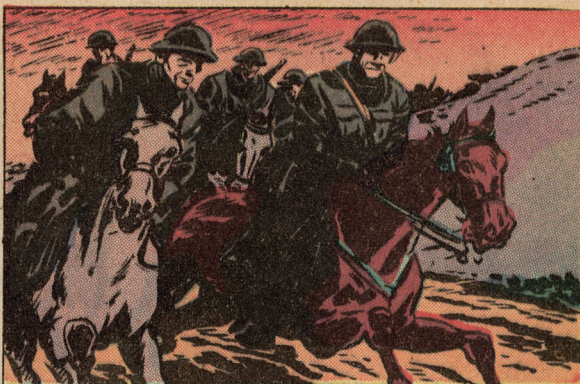
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THEN, WITH FIFTEEN MARINES...

THEY'LL BE ALONG SOON, ABOUT A HUNDRED OF THEM—BUT WE'LL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE..

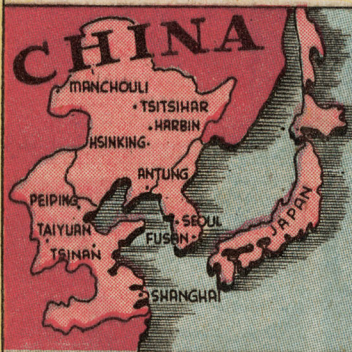
HERE THEY COME!



CARLSON'S SMALL FORCE ROUTED THE BANDITS, CHASED THEM CLEAR ACROSS THE BORDER INTO HONDURAS. FOR THIS, HE WON THE NAVY CROSS.

IN 1937, WHEN THE JAPS BEGAN THEIR VICIOUS WAR OF CONQUEST IN CHINA, CARLSON WAS ATTACHED TO THE CHINESE ARMY AS OBSERVER.

HE WATCHED THE WELL-EQUIPPED JAP FORCES OVERWHELM THE CHINESE AND DRIVE THEM OUT OF THEIR LARGE CITIES.



THERE'S ONE CHINESE ARMY THAT SEEMS TO BE DOING PRETTY WELL FOR ITSELF—THE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY. I'D LIKE TO OBSERVE THEIR TACTICS.

THAT WON'T BE EASY TO ARRANGE.



GENERAL CHU TEH, WHO COMMANDS THE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY, IS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT CHECKING UP ON OBSERVERS. YOU WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED FIRST, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL THOUSANDS OF MILES OVER ROUGH COUNTRY TO GET TO HIM.



CARLSON UNDERWENT THE INVESTIGATION, AND, AFTER WEEKS OF CROSSING DIFFICULT TERRAIN, HE WAS BROUGHT TO GENERAL CHU TEH'S HEADQUARTERS.



GENERAL, EVERYONE IS IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY YOU'RE MOPPING UP THE JAPS WITH FEWER MEN AND LITTLE EQUIPMENT. I'D LIKE TO LEARN HOW YOU DO IT.

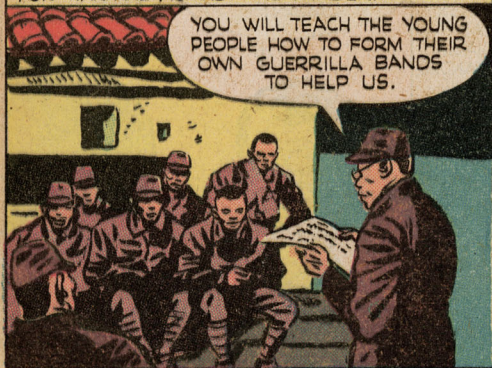
YOU'RE WELCOME HERE. WE HAVE NO SECRETS FROM OUR FRIENDS!



CARLSON SPENT TWO YEARS WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY. HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE OFFICERS' DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDE AND INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THEIR MEN.



HE LEARNED HOW THE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY ORGANIZED THE PEOPLE IN A WHOLE TERRITORY FOR WARFARE AGAINST THE INVADER.

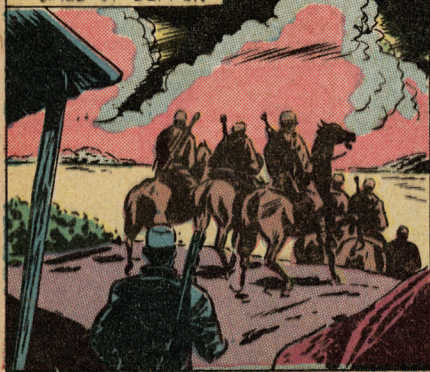


YOU WILL TEACH THE YOUNG PEOPLE HOW TO FORM THEIR OWN GUERRILLA BANDS TO HELP US.

THOSE MEN WILL GO OUT INTO THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND TEACH THE PEOPLE HOW TO HOLD ELECTIONS, ESTABLISH SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZE THEMSELVES SO THAT THE JAPS WILL NEVER KNOW A MOMENT'S PEACE IN THIS AREA.



HE WATCHED THE SMALL BUT TOUGH AND WELL-TRAINED RAIDING PARTIES SET OUT ON MISSIONS TO HARASS THE JAPS' LINES OF SUPPLY.



AND HE SAW THEM COME BACK AND HEARD THEM EXPLAIN HOW THEY AMBUSHED, KILLED AND SABOTAGED THE HATED HORDES OF NIPPON.



CARLSON ALSO WATCHED THE GROWTH OF THE CHINESE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVES, SPONSORED BY THE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY.

THE JAPS HAVE TAKEN OVER ALL OUR LARGE MANUFACTURING CITIES. WITH THESE SMALL, SCATTERED UNITS, WE SUPPLY OURSELVES NOW. WITH THEM AS A BASIS, WE WILL SOME DAY REBUILD CHINA.



CARLSON LEFT CHINA WITH MANY CONVICTIONS WHICH HE VOICED FREELY.

FOR ITS SIZE AND PURPOSE, THE CHINESE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY IS THE BEST-ORGANIZED, BEST-LED FIGHTING FORCE IN ACTION TODAY.



THE CHINESE ARE OUR FRIENDS. WE MUST STOP SELLING SCRAP METAL, OIL AND OTHER MATERIALS OF WAR TO THE JAPS.



FOR BEING SO OUTSPOKEN, HE WAS OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED AND, IN ANGER, HE RESIGNED HIS MARINE COMMISSION IN MAY, 1939, AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE.

MR. STIMSON, I WANT TO JOIN YOUR COMMITTEE FOR AN EMBARGO AGAINST JAPAN!

GLAD TO HAVE YOU, CARLSON. YOU CAN LECTURE FOR US.



IN 1940-41, HE WENT BACK TO CHINA.

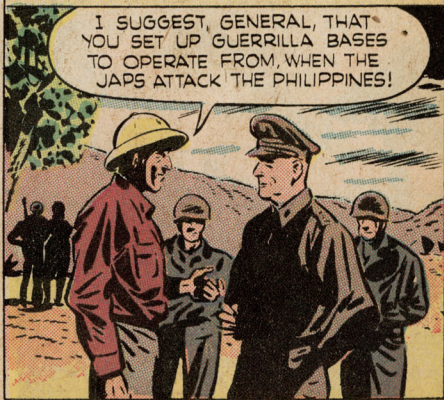
WHAT I'VE SEEN NOW CONVINCES ME THAT THE JAPS WILL ATTACK THE UNITED STATES SOON. I'M GOING BACK TO WASHINGTON AND REPORT MY FINDINGS!

CARLSON SPOKE OFTEN FOR HENRY L. STIMSON'S COMMITTEE. (STIMSON LATER BECAME SECRETARY OF WAR.)



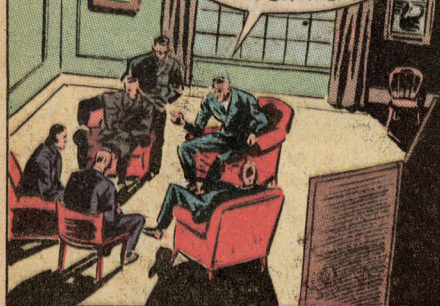
HE STOPPED AT MANILA TO WARN GENERAL MACARTHUR.

I SUGGEST, GENERAL, THAT YOU SET UP GUERRILLA BASES TO OPERATE FROM, WHEN THE JAPS ATTACK THE PHILIPPINES!



IN WASHINGTON...

I TELL YOU, GENTLEMEN, THE JAPS WILL ATTACK US THIS YEAR, 1941, EITHER IN MAY OR JUNE. WE MUST BE READY FOR THEM.



CARLSON GUESSED WRONG BY ONLY A FEW MONTHS... ON DECEMBER 7TH, THE JAPS STRUCK.

THE MARINES WANT YOU, CARLSON. YOU'VE BEEN OFFERED A LIEUTENANT COLONEL'S COMMISSION AS OPERATIONS OFFICER WITH THE SECOND MARINES.

OF COURSE I'LL ACCEPT. I WANT TO GET INTO THE SCRAP RIGHT AWAY!



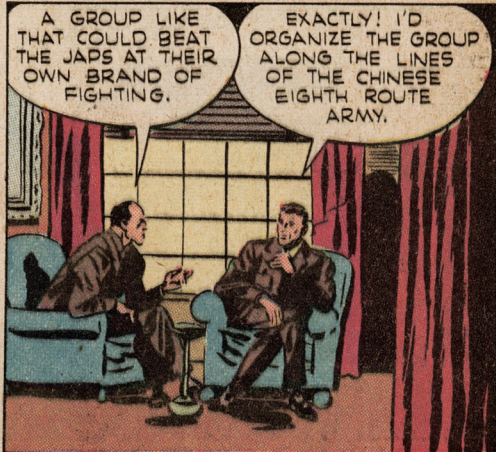
HIS ASSISTANT WAS MAJOR JAMES ROOSEVELT.

I'D LIKE TO TRAIN A SMALL, COMPACT FORCE OF MEN AS RAIDERS. THEY'D BE TOUGH, ABLE TO LIVE ON DEHYDRATED FOODS FOR LONG STRETCHES AND ABLE TO USE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS!



A GROUP LIKE THAT COULD BEAT THE JAPS AT THEIR OWN BRAND OF FIGHTING.

EXACTLY! I'D ORGANIZE THE GROUP ALONG THE LINES OF THE CHINESE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY.

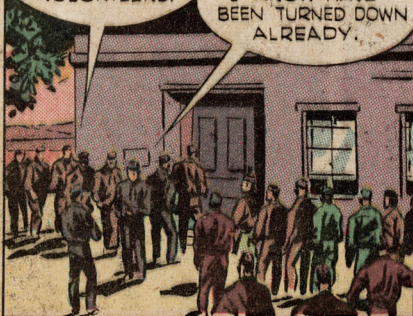


THEY WORKED OUT THEIR PLANS, HAD THEM APPROVED, AND CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RAIDERS.

SEVEN THOUSAND ANSWERED THE CALL.

GEE, I WONDER WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS THEY'RE ASKING VOLUNTEERS?

YEAH, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. SOME OF THE TOUGHEST GUYS I KNOW HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN ALREADY.



CARLSON'S METHOD OF SELECTION WAS UNIQUE.

WE TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT YOU'RE PHYSICALLY FIT, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS WAR IS BEING FOUGHT?



EVERY VOLUNTEER WAS TOLD THAT BEING A RAIDER WOULD MEAN DANGER AND SUFFERING, AND HE HAD TO PROVE THAT HE THOUGHT THE AMERICAN IDEAL FOR WHICH HE WAS FIGHTING WAS WORTH THAT SUFFERING. 1,000 WERE CHOSEN.

THEN THE TRAINING BEGAN.

WHEW! FORTY MILES A DAY WITH FULL PACKS!

WHEN WE GET THROUGH THIS, WE'LL BE TOUGH AS NAILS.



THEY BECAME EXPERTS WITH KNIFE AND BAYONET, LEARNED HOW TO CROSS ANY TERRAIN, FIGHT UNDER ANY CONDITIONS.



OFFICERS AND MEN WORE THE SAME CLOTHING, CARRIED THE SAME EQUIPMENT, LIVED AND TRAINED TOGETHER.

EACH MAN COOKED HIS OWN MEALS, ELIMINATING THE USE OF FIELD KITCHENS.

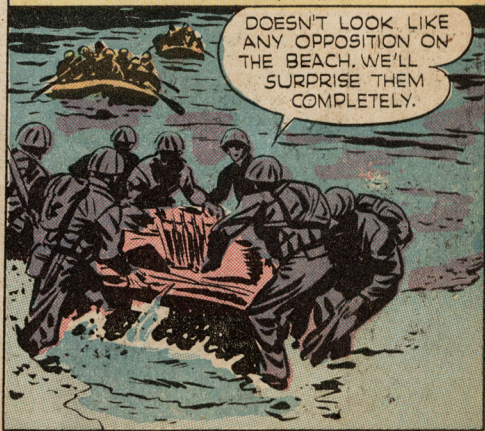


CARLSON TAUGHT THEM THE MOTTO OF THE CHINESE COOPERATIVES, "GUNG HO," WHICH MEANS "WORK TOGETHER," AND THE MEN ADOPTED IT AS THEIR OWN SLOGAN.

ONE, NIGHT IN AUGUST, 1942, A GROUP OF RAIDERS LEFT PEARL HARBOR FOR A TRANSPORT SUB WHICH WAS TO TAKE THEM TO JAP-HELD MAKIN ISLAND, TO DESTROY ENEMY RADIO INSTALLATIONS.



A HALF HOUR BEFORE DAWN, A FEW NIGHTS LATER..



DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY OPPOSITION ON THE BEACH. WE'LL SURPRISE THEM COMPLETELY.

THE RAIDERS SMASHED THREE RADIO STATIONS,
DESTROYED ALL INSTALLATIONS, KILLED OVER 350 JAPS!

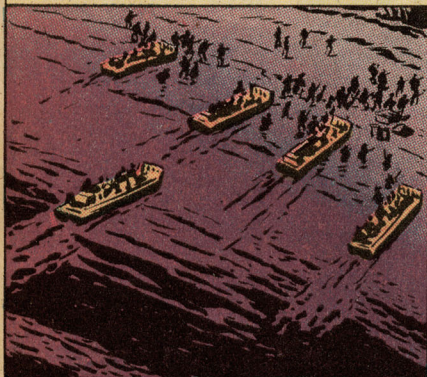


I HAD HOPED TO
TAKE SOME PRISONERS,
BUT THE MEN JUST
KILLED EVERY LAST
JAP ON THE ISLAND!

I'D SAY IT
WAS A HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL
RAID,
COLONEL!



ON NOVEMBER 4TH, THE RAIDERS SPEAR-
HEADED AMERICA'S FIRST GREAT
OFFENSIVE—ON GUADALCANAL.



FOR THIRTY STRAIGHT DAYS, LIVING ON RICE, RAISINS,
BACON, CHOCOLATE AND TEA, THE RAIDERS SLASHED
AT THE JAPS.



IN THAT TIME, THEY LOST SIXTEEN
MEN—KILLED MORE THAN 800 JAPS!



WHEN THE JAPS HAD BEEN ROUTED, CARLSON
ADDRESSED HIS MEN.

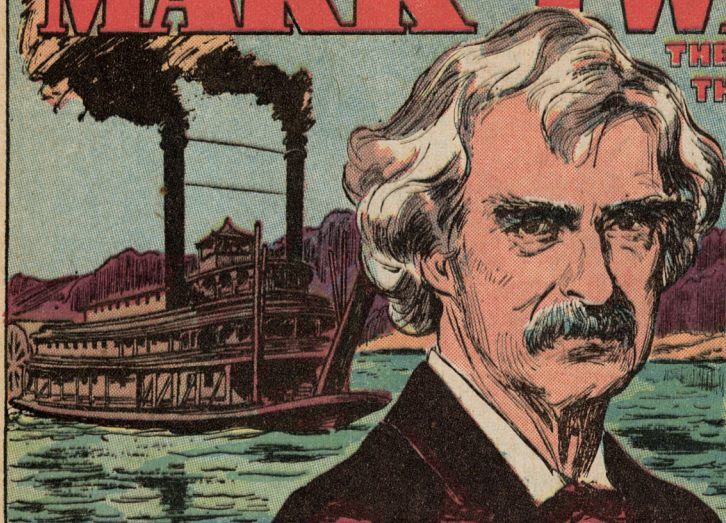


WHAT OF THE FUTURE?
OUR COURSE IS CLEAR...WITH THE
MEMORY OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR
BROTHERS STILL FRESH, WE MUST
DEDICATE AGAIN OUR HEARTS,
OUR MINDS AND OUR BODIES
TO THE GREAT TASK THAT
LIES AHEAD.

INSPIRED BY COLONEL CARLSON, THE RAIDERS
ARE IN ACTION AGAIN TODAY—FEARLESS, TOUGH
FIGHTERS FOR DEMOCRACY—MEN WHO KNOW
HOW TO FIGHT AND WHAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR!

MARK TWAIN

THE MAN WHO MADE
THE WORLD LAUGH



A LOOSE PAGE FROM A HISTORY BOOK, A COW AND A STEAMBOAT PILOT'S FIERY TEMPER, CHANGED THE LIFE OF **SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS** AND EARNED HIM WORLD-WIDE FAME AS THE AUTHOR OF "TOM SAWYER" AND MANY OTHER CLASSICS UNDER THE NAME OF **MARK TWAIN**.

ON NOVEMBER 30, 1835, JUST AS "HALLEY'S COMET" STREAKED ACROSS THE SKY AS IF ANNOUNCING HIS ARRIVAL TO THE WORLD, SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS WAS BORN IN FLORIDA, MISSOURI.

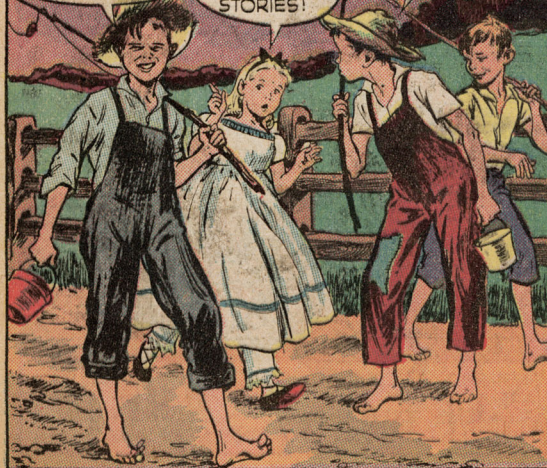


HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, IN 1845...

WELL, AS I WAS SAYING, OLD LIZA WAS A THOUSAND YEARS OLD!

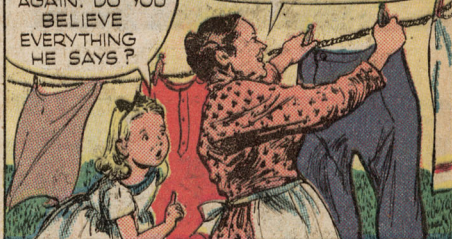
SAM CLEMENS, I THINK YOU JUST MAKE UP ALL THOSE STORIES!

HE DOES NOT! GO ON HOME! WE DON'T WANT GIRLS ALONG.

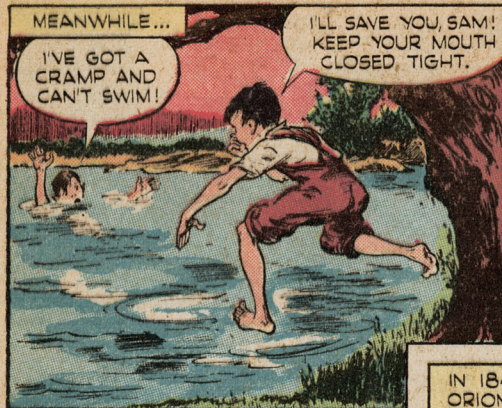


MRS. CLEMENS, SAMMY IS TELLING STORIES AGAIN. DO YOU BELIEVE EVERYTHING HE SAYS?

WELL, EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST NINETY PER CENT, THE REST IS PURE GOLD.



MRS. CLEMENS! COME QUICK! SAM IS DROWNING IN BEAR CREEK!



MEANWHILE...

I'VE GOT A CRAMP AND CAN'T SWIM!

I'LL SAVE YOU, SAM! KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLOSED, TIGHT.



MY GOSH! WHY'D YOU HAVE TO SWALLOW SO MUCH WATER?

UH...I FIGURED I HAD TWO CHANCES THAT WAY... EITHER YOU'D PULL ME OUT OR I'D DRINK THE CREEK DRY AND WALK OUT ALONG THE BOTTOM!



SAM! SAM! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THERE WASN'T ANY DANGER, MOM!

NO, I GUESS NOT...PEOPLE BORN TO BE HANGED WILL NEVER DROWN!

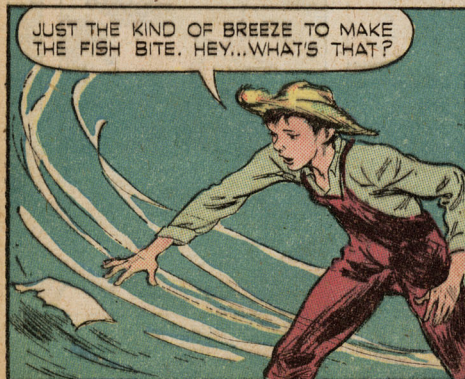
IN 1847, TO KEEP SAM OUT OF MISCHIEF, HIS BROTHER, ORION, GAVE HIM A JOB.



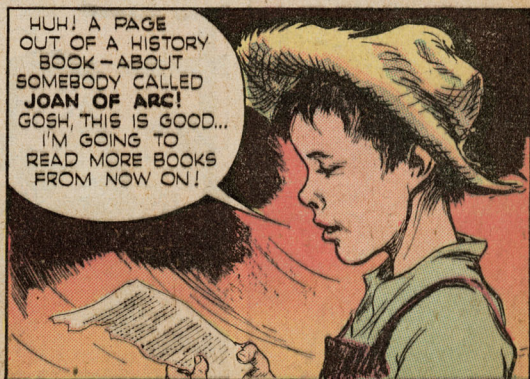
HEY, SAM! COME ON FISHING WITH US!

I CAN'T, WILL. I HAVE TO HELP MY BROTHER GET OUT THE JOURNAL!

HA, HA. IMAGINE SAM CLEMENS A NEWSPAPER MAN!



JUST THE KIND OF BREEZE TO MAKE THE FISH BITE. HEY...WHAT'S THAT?



HUH! A PAGE OUT OF A HISTORY BOOK -ABOUT SOMEBODY CALLED JOAN OF ARC! GOSH, THIS IS GOOD... I'M GOING TO READ MORE BOOKS FROM NOW ON!

ONE MORNING, A FEW DAYS LATER...

I NEVER SAW ANYBODY READ SO MANY BOOKS AS YOU'VE BEEN READING LATELY.

I GUESS I'M TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO WRITE ONE MYSELF, ORION.

SAM! LOOK! THE DOOR OF THE OFFICE IS OPEN!

SOMEBODY MUST HAVE BROKEN IN DURING THE NIGHT!

TWO COMPOSITION ROLLERS AND ALL THE TYPE ARE RUINED!

THERE'S THE CULPRIT, ORION—A COW!

DON'T BOTHER TO PICK UP THE TYPE FACE, SAM...IT'S NO USE! THIS IS THE END OF THE "JOURNAL!"

CINCINNATI, OHIO, ABOUT SIX YEARS LATER...

I'M SAMUEL CLEMENS FROM HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, SIR. I'M TIRED OF ROAMING THE COUNTRY AS A PRINTER. I'D LIKE TO GO TO SOUTH AMERICA.

BUT, WITHIN AN HOUR...

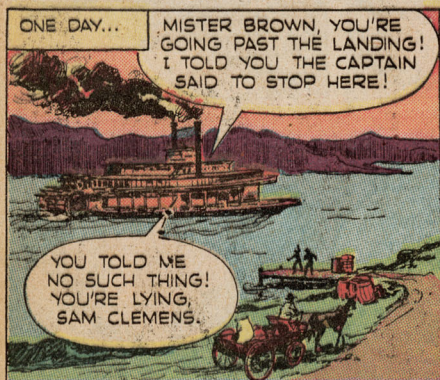
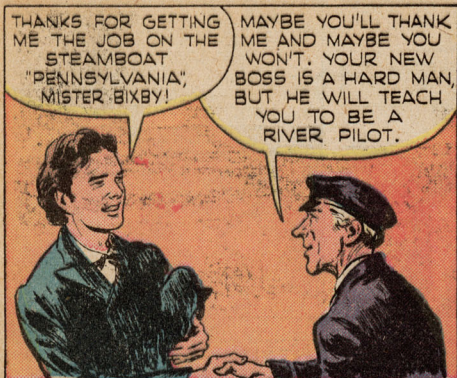
MR. BIXBY, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. I'D LIKE TO BE A RIVER PILOT, TOO.

PILOTS HAVE TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT RIVERS, SAM. OVERSIDE, YOU CAN SEE MY MEN TAKING DEPTH SOUNDINGS.

QUARTER TWIN... HALF TWIN...
MARK TWAIN!

MARK TWAIN! WHAT AN UNUSUAL WAY OF SAYING 'SAFE WATER': I'LL REMEMBER THAT!

THUS, SAM CLEMENS CAME ACROSS THE NAME HE WAS TO USE AS A WRITER.

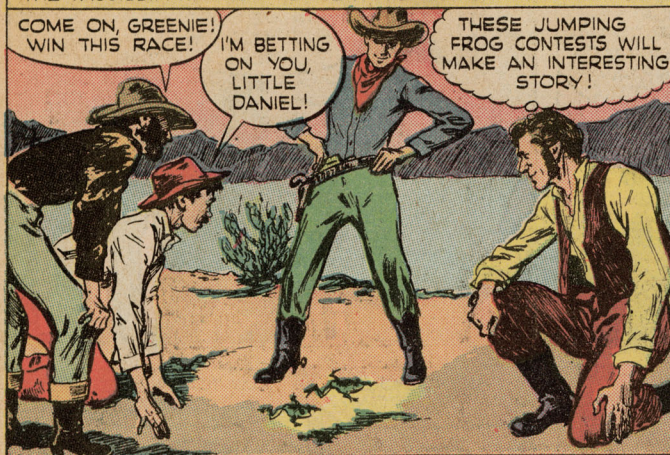


FOR FOUR YEARS, SAM CLEMENS WAS ONE OF THE BEST PILOTS ON THE MISSISSIPPI. THEN HE WENT TO NEVADA.

COME ON, GREENIE!
WIN THIS RACE!

I'M BETTING
ON YOU,
LITTLE
DANIEL!

THESE JUMPING
FROG CONTESTS WILL
MAKE AN INTERESTING
STORY!



IN 1865, THE NEW YORK "SATURDAY PRESS" PUBLISHED "JIM SMILEY AND THE JUMPING FROG"—AND THE NAME "MARK TWAIN" BECAME FAMOUS ALMOST OVERNIGHT!



SAM CLEMENS BEGAN TRAVELING ABROAD, FIRST TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS, THEN TO JERUSALEM AND EUROPE.

ISN'T THAT MARK TWAIN,
THE FAMOUS WRITER AND
LECTURER?

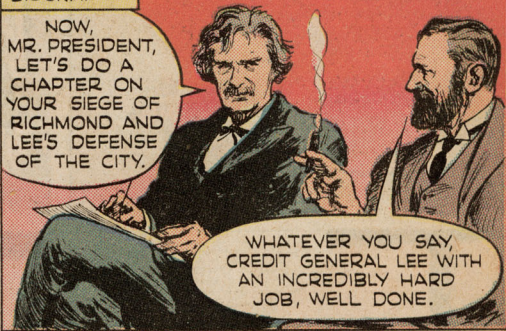
YES, HIS NEW
BOOK, "INNOCENTS
ABROAD" IS TAKING
THE UNITED
STATES BY
STORM!



AFTER HIS TRAVELS ABROAD, CLEMENS COLLABORATED WITH PRESIDENT GRANT ON THE FAMOUS MAN'S BIOGRAPHY.

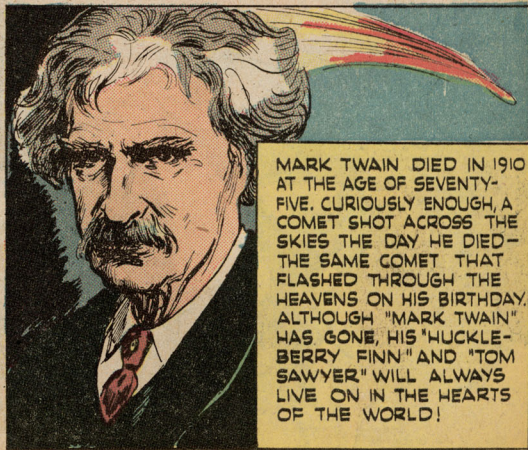
NOW,
MR. PRESIDENT,
LET'S DO A
CHAPTER ON
YOUR SIEGE OF
RICHMOND AND
LEE'S DEFENSE
OF THE CITY.

WHATEVER YOU SAY,
CREDIT GENERAL LEE WITH
AN INCREDIBLY HARD
JOB, WELL DONE.



AFTER WRITING MANY MORE "BEST-SELLERS", MARK WAS IN EUROPE WHEN HE READ IN A PAPER THAT SAMUEL CLEMENS HAD BEEN KILLED.

SO I'M DEAD, AM I?
THEN I SHALL CABLE
THE NEWSPAPER:
"GENTLEMEN, THE
REPORTS OF MY DEATH
ARE GREATLY
EXAGGERATED!"



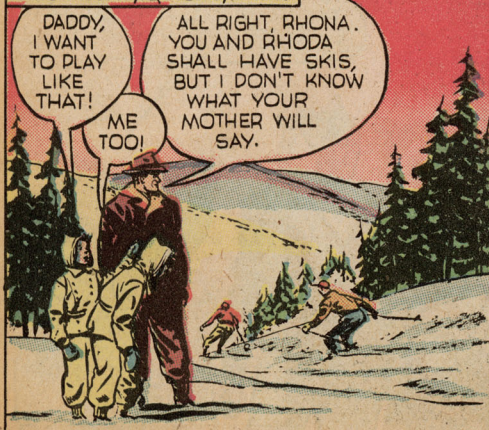
MARK TWAIN DIED IN 1910 AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-FIVE. CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, A COMET SHOT ACROSS THE SKIES THE DAY HE DIED—THE SAME COMET THAT FLASHED THROUGH THE HEAVENS ON HIS BIRTHDAY. ALTHOUGH "MARK TWAIN" HAS GONE, HIS "HUCKLEBERRY FINN" AND "TOM SAWYER" WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF THE WORLD!

CANADA'S TERRIFIC TWINS



AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE, THE WURTELE TWINS OF CANADA ARE TWO OF THE WORLD'S BEST WOMEN SKIERS AND PROBABLY THE BEST ALL-AROUND ATHLETES CANADA HAS EVER PRODUCED.

WESTMOUNT, QUEBEC, 1927...



DADDY, I WANT TO PLAY LIKE THAT!

ME TOO!

ALL RIGHT, RHONA. YOU AND RHODA SHALL HAVE SKIS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR MOTHER WILL SAY.

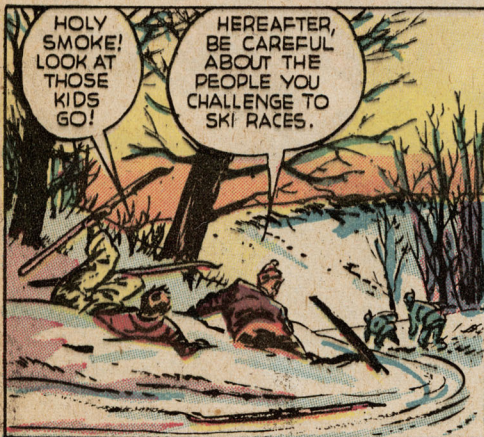
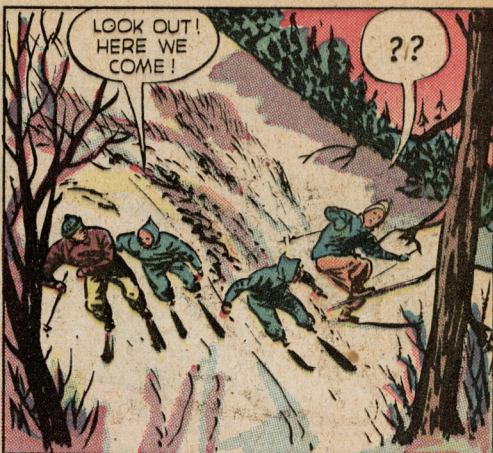
SOON AFTER, IN THE WURTELE HOME...



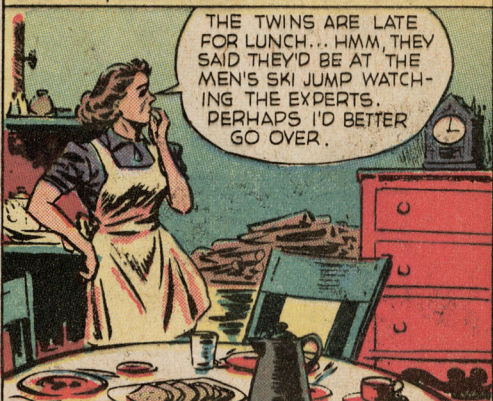
IMAGINE I TEACHING OUR BABIES TO SKI AND THEY'VE BARELY LEARNED TO WALK.

IF THEY CAN WALK - THEY CAN SKI! THEY'RE CANADIANS, AREN'T THEY?

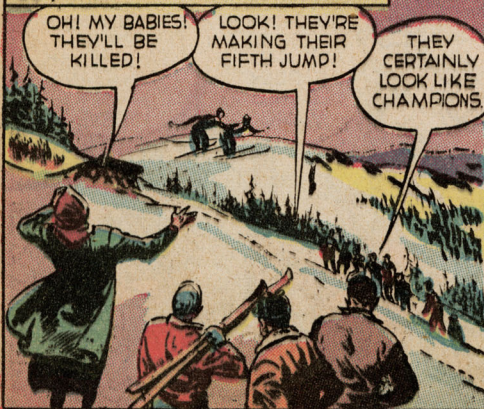
WHEN RHODA AND RHONA WERE FIVE YEARS OLD...



ONE DAY, WHEN THE GIRLS WERE ONLY ELEVEN...



BUT, WHEN MRS. WURTELE ARRIVED...





GOSH,
MOTHER!
WE WON'T
GET
HURT!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS ON
AN EMPTY STOMACH!
YOU COME RIGHT HOME
AND EAT YOUR LUNCH
BEFORE DOING ANY
MORE JUMPING.

IN 1942, AT THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MEET
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CANADA...



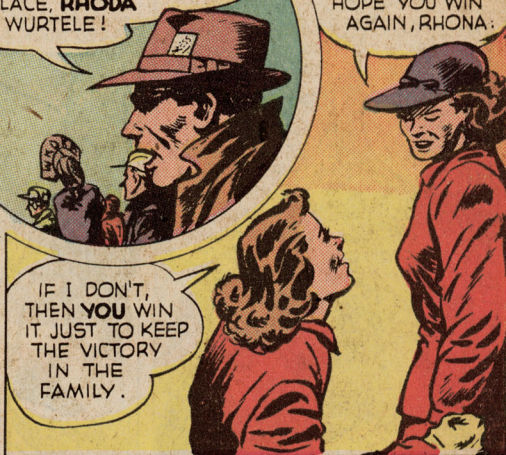
THIS IS OUR
FIRST BIG MEET,
RHODA. I HOPE
YOU HAVE LOTS
OF LUCK.

IT'S GOING TO
SEEM STRANGE TO
BE COMPETING AGAINST
YOU INSTEAD OF WITH
YOU, RHONA.

IN THE TRIALS, THE GIRLS PASSED THE
OTHERS AS THEY ZOOMED TOWARD
THE FINISH LINE.



HERE ARE
THE FINAL RESULTS
OF THE COMPETITIVE
TRIALS: FIRST PLACE...
RHONA WURTELE, SECOND
PLACE, **RHODA**
WURTELE!



WELL, WE'RE
IN THE FINALS,
ANYHOW. I
HOPE YOU WIN
AGAIN, RHONA.

IF I DON'T,
THEN **YOU** WIN
IT JUST TO KEEP
THE VICTORY
IN THE
FAMILY.

THE FINALS WERE A BATTLE ALL THE WAY...



UNTIL...

LOOK!
THE WURTELE
TWIN'S HAVE
DONE IT
AGAIN!

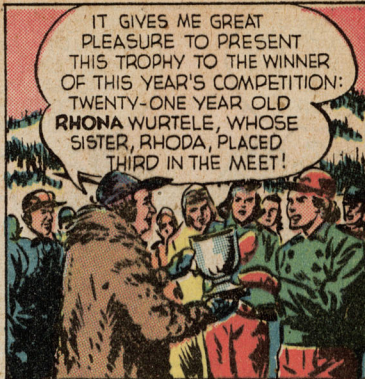
SURE,
BUT WHICH
ONE IS
WHICH?

WE'LL
HAVE TO
WAIT FOR
THE
ANNOUNCE-
MENT.



THUS, IN THE FINALS, THE GIRLS REVERSED POSITIONS AND SHARED THE HONORS OF VICTORY.

IN FEBRUARY, 1943 - AT LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK - THE TWINS COMPETED FOR THE KATE SMITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TROPHY AND...



NEXT DAY, AT MONT TREMBLANT, CANADA, FOR THE TASCHEREAU MEET...

WELL, THIS IS A GREAT HONOR! I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT ABOUT YOU WURTELE TWINS.

GOSH! YOU'RE JOHNNY FRIPP, THE SKI CHAMPION OF CANADA!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHANCE WE HAVE IN THIS MEET AGAINST MEN LIKE YOU.

THE RACE BEGAN, AND AS THE FIELD OF NINETY-THREE NEARED THE FINISH, JOHNNY FRIPP AND RHODA WURTELE RACED NECK AND NECK.



SUDDENLY, WITH A TREMENDOUS BURST OF SPEED, RHODA FLASHED ACROSS THE FINISH LINE FIRST!



BUT, IN ADDITION TO SKIING, CANADA'S WONDER TWINS ARE EXPERT TENNIS PLAYERS, SWIMMERS AND HORSEBACK RIDERS! CANADA'S OLYMPIC COACH, JIMMY ROSE, SAID "THEY'RE THE BEST GIRL ATHLETES CANADA EVER HAD!"

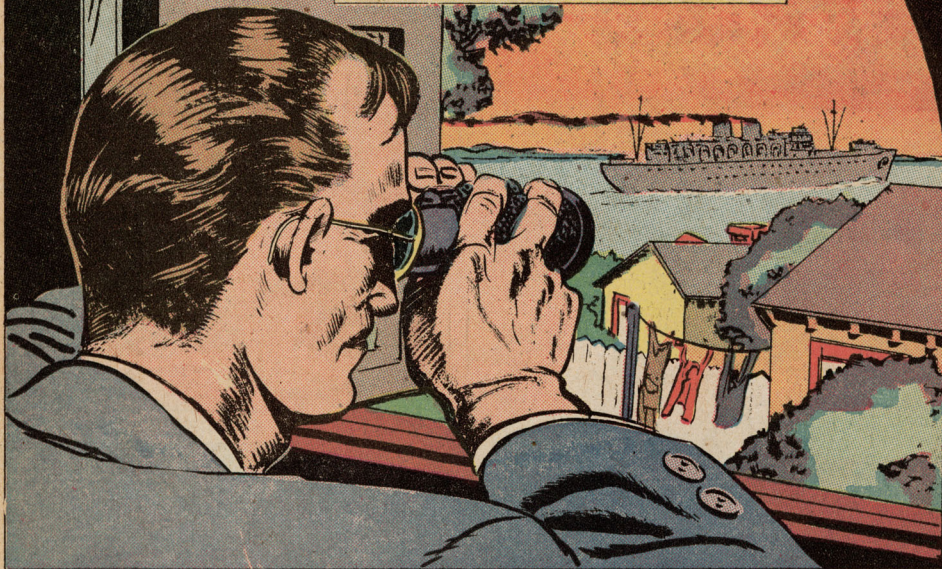


SEARCH YOUR HOUSE FOR EVERY SCRAP OF WASTE PAPER THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THE NATION'S GROWING SCRAP PILE. THAT WAY YOU CAN TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN HELPING TO WIN THE WAR QUICKLY.

SPECIAL AGENT

of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

STEVE SAUNDERS AND OTHER SPECIAL AGENTS UNDER DIRECTOR JOHN EDGAR HOOVER TRACK DOWN AN ELUSIVE SPY TRAINED IN GERMANY'S SPECIAL "SCHOOL FOR ESPIONAGE"



BERLIN, GERMANY, EARLY 1941...

I DON'T THINK "X" WILL EVER LEARN HOW TO OPERATE A SHORT-WAVE RADIO.



THAT IS TRUE, BUT I THINK HE CAN STILL BE USEFUL TO US! HERE HE COMES!



"X": YOUR TRAINING PERIOD IS OVER. WE HAVE TAUGHT YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW TO—OUTSMART THE AMERICANS. AS A CITIZEN OF THE U.S., YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN THERE TO CARRY ON YOUR WORK.

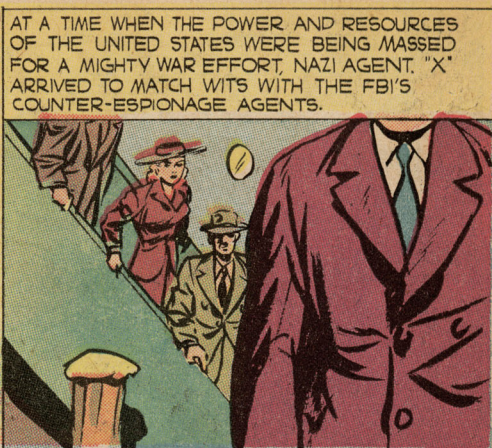


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HERE IS THE NAME OF ANOTHER AGENT IN AMERICA WHO CAN HELP YOU. YOU ARE TO MEMORIZE IT AND DESTROY THE PAPER. YOUR SHIP SAILS TOMORROW. HEIL HITLER!

HEIL HITLER!



AT A TIME WHEN THE POWER AND RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES WERE BEING MASSES FOR A MIGHTY WAR EFFORT, NAZI AGENT, "X" ARRIVED TO MATCH WITS WITH THE FBI'S COUNTER-ESPIONAGE AGENTS.

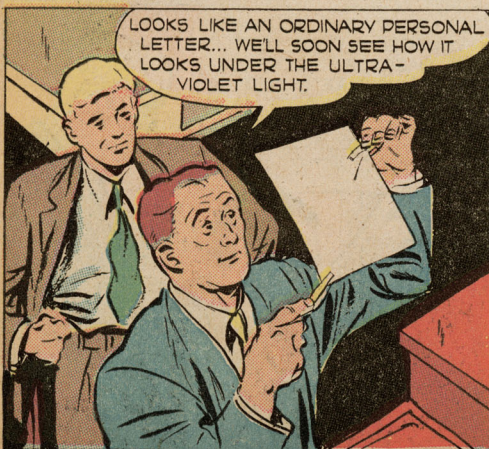
ON FEBRUARY 24, 1942, THREE INNOCENT-LOOKING LETTERS, TYPEWRITTEN IN ENGLISH, WERE MAILED AT THE CHURCH ANNEX POST OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY.



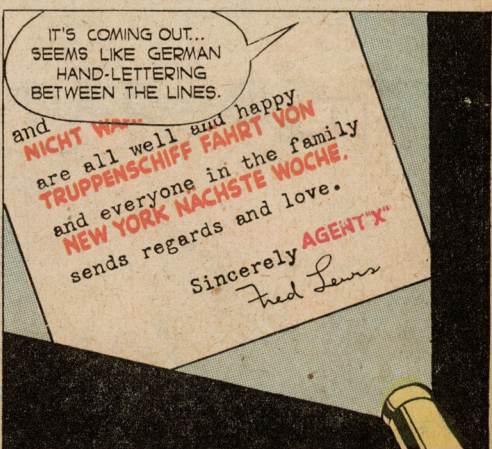
LETTERS

THE LETTERS QUICKLY FOUND THEIR WAY TO THE DESK OF FBI DIRECTOR JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.

WE INTERCEPTED THESE LETTERS, STEVE. WE KNEW THEY WERE ADDRESSED TO "MAIL DROPS" USED BY NAZI SPIES. PUT THEM THROUGH THE LABORATORY AND AND SEE WHAT THEY SHOW.



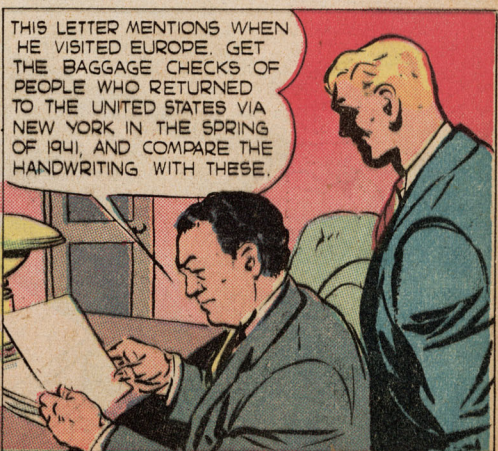
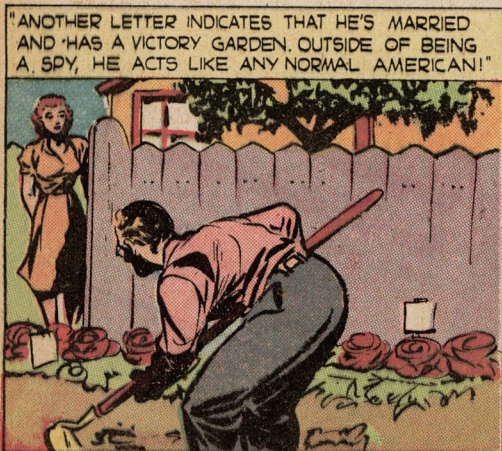
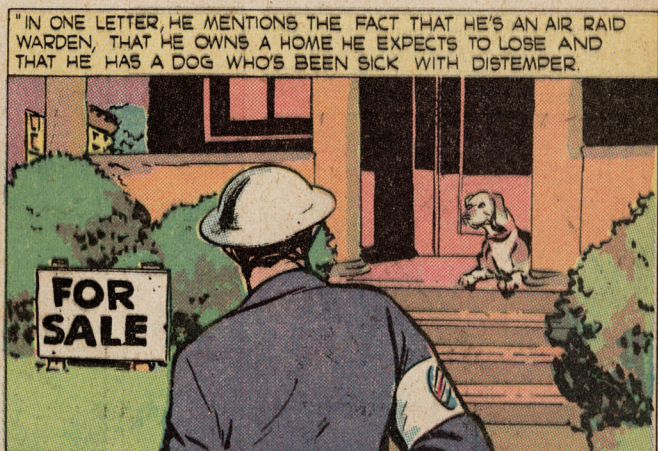
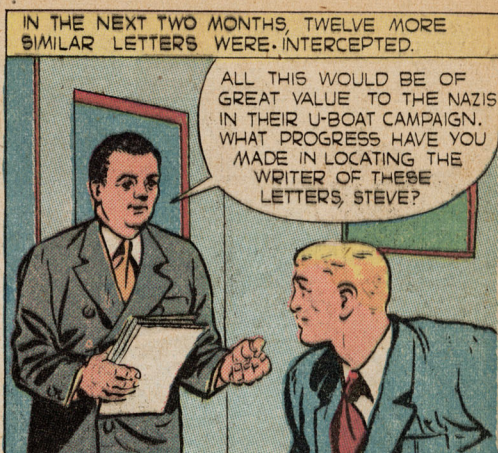
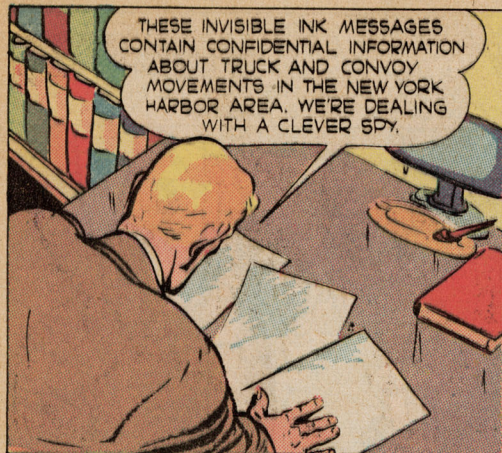
LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY PERSONAL LETTER... WE'LL SOON SEE HOW IT LOOKS UNDER THE ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT.



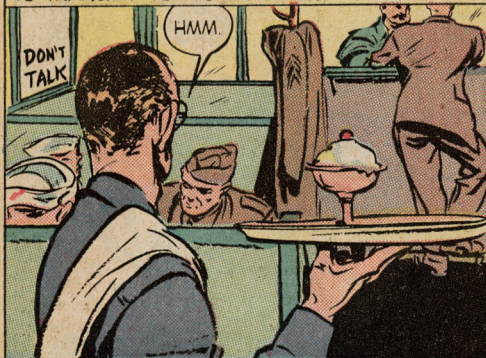
IT'S COMING OUT... SEEMS LIKE GERMAN HAND-LETTERING BETWEEN THE LINES.

and
NICHT WASS
are all well and happy
TRUPPENSCHIFF FAHRT VON
and everyone in the family
NEW YORK NACHSTE WOCHE.
sends regards and love.

Sincerely **AGENT "X"**
Fred Lewis



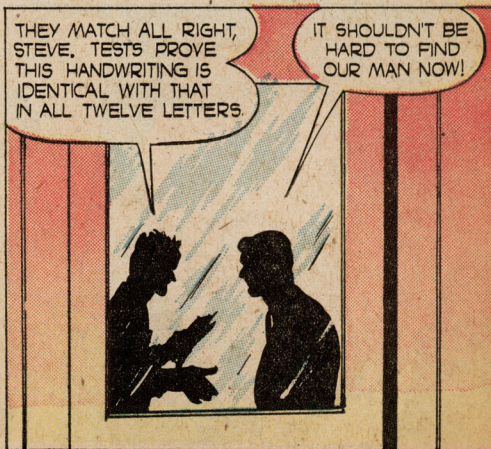
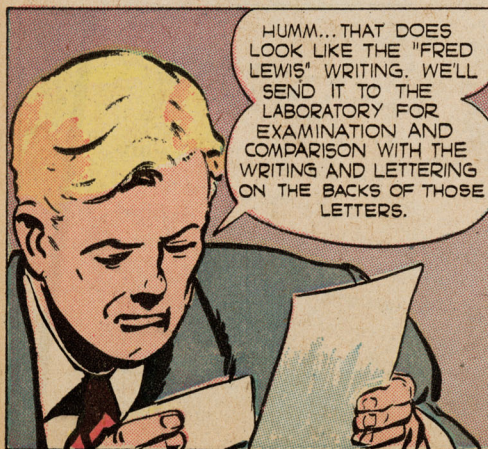
MEANWHILE, EMPLOYED AS A HANDY MAN IN A WATERFRONT CAFE, "X" WAS USING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PICK UP BITS OF INFORMATION TO TRANSMIT TO HIS MASTERS IN BERLIN.



HE ALSO RENTED ROOMS TO NAVY PERSONNEL FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

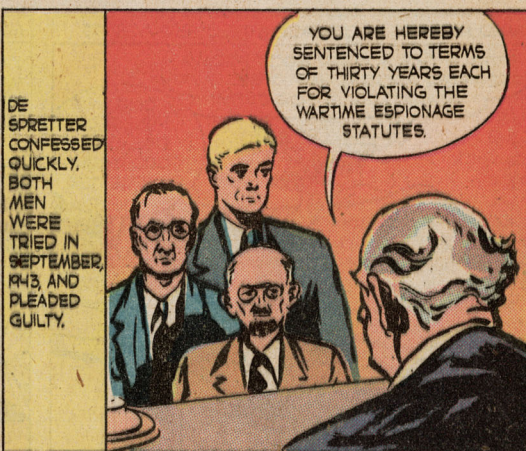


AND HE KEPT IN CONTACT WITH OTHER AGENTS.





CONFRONTED WITH THE LETTERS AND OTHER EVIDENCE, LEHMITZ (ALIAS FRED LEWIS) ADMITTED HIS GUILT.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

IF IT COULD HAVE BEEN SHOWN THAT THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE LETTERS HAD RESULTED IN ATTACKS ON ALLIED CONVOYS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE MEN WOULD HAVE PAID THE SUPREME PENALTY FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES. SOME OF THE INFORMATION THESE TWO SPIES GATHERED WAS THE RESULT OF CARELESS TALK BY GOOD AMERICANS. BOYS AND GIRLS CAN BEST SERVE THEIR COUNTRY BY NOT REPEATING RUMORS WHICH HAVE ANY BEARING ON THE WAR EFFORT!

J. Edgar Hoover

TRUE'S

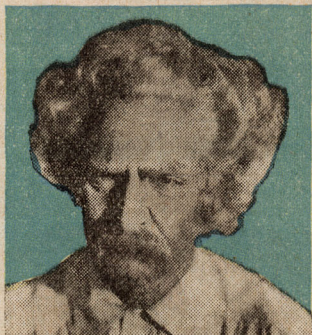
MOVIE GUIDE

Brief Reviews of Films You Will Want to See

THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN—All of Mark Twain's jokes were "truly comic" but the best ones were those he told about himself. Our favorite: when the neighborhood kids followed him every time he left the house because they were under the impression he was Buffalo Bill. Not that Twain was merely the Bob Hope of another day: he was also our most important author, influencing other writers to look for material in our American way of life and inspiring them to interpret our democracy in order that everyone would find it good. In this and in his own work, Twain was most successful. Now, in all parts of the world, people are reading what he had to say, remembering his belief in the common man and trusting that with the dawn of peace, boys and girls everywhere will once more be able to enjoy a childhood as idyllic as Huckleberry Finn's. In addition to Twain (played with genuine warmth by Fredric March) this film is notable because it makes vivid an exciting period in the history of American literature. (Warners)

ANDY HARDY'S BLONDE TROUBLE—Trouble in the form of Lee and Lyn Wilde, easy on the eyes twins, shouldn't be hard to take. But Andy (who is Mickey Rooney, of course) makes promises to them both which he can't keep and, in addition, has a strict English teacher to appease. Even if the professor is Herbert Marshall, Andy can't make a deal with him. As for what the twins do—see the movie! (MGM)

FOUR JILLS IN A JEEP—Next to letters from home, Sad Sacks appreciate professional entertainers who give up civilian comforts to share foxholes and Spam



Read our story, see the film: "The Adventures of Mark Twain." Both tops! (Warners)

with soldiers. This delightful musical shows you what happened when four pin-up girls (Carole Landis, Kay Francis, Martha Ray, Mitzi Mayfair) toured Britain and North Africa. (20th Century-Fox)

LADIES COURAGEOUS—The Women's Air Force Service Pilots (otherwise known as a girl's dream career come true) do valiant service. Loretta Young, as the girls' C.O., is instrumental in making the WASPS equal in rank to ferry pilots. (Univ.)

THE SULLIVANS—A tribute to the five Sullivan brothers who chose to serve on the same ship and who died together in the service of their country, this is an extraordinarily fine movie. But this film does more than make their sacrifice inspiring. It also recreates all the fun and laughter the brothers enjoyed. You watch them playing tricks on each other and romping with their dog, "a genuine full-blooded mongrel hound." United as brothers, united as seamen, together in death, the Sullivan brothers will be united in history. (20th Century-Fox)

Romance of the Seven Seas

The first vivid drama of America's men of might! The first to land! The first to fight! The first great screen sensation of the year!



JOHN WAYNE
SUSAN HAYWARD

**The
FIGHTING
SEABEES**

with
DENNIS O'KEEFE
William Frawley • Leonid Kinskey
J. M. Kerrigan • Grant Withers
Paul Fix • Director • Edward Ludwig

A REPUBLIC PICTURE

TRIBUTE TO THE MERCHANT MARINE

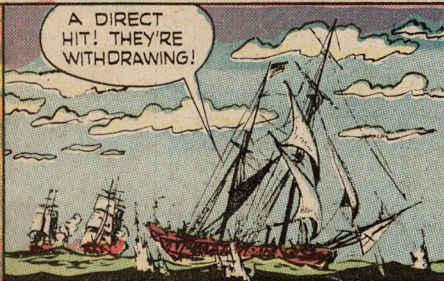
THE MERCHANT MARINE ORIGINATED DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WHEN FISHING SMACKS WERE PRESSED INTO NAVAL SERVICE FOR THE COLONIES.



WITH A FLEET OF ABOUT 1,000 SHIPS, THE AMERICANS CAPTURED ALMOST 3,000 BRITISH MERCHANTMEN.



DURING THE WAR OF 1812, THE MERCHANT MARINE RAN A GAUNTLET OF BRITISH MEN O' WAR TO BRING ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM FRANCE.



ALTHOUGH NEGLECTED AND ALLOWED TO SLIP BACK INTO FIFTH POSITION AMONG THE WORLD'S MERCHANT FLEETS AFTER WORLD WAR 1, THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE IS ONCE AGAIN THE LARGEST AND MOST EFFICIENT EVER TO SAIL THE SEAS. BY A RECENT ACT OF CONGRESS, MERCHANT SEAMEN CAN NOW WIN SERVICE BARS FOR WAR DUTY JUST AS THE ARMY, NAVY AND MARINES DO - A TRIBUTE TO THE GALLANTRY AND HEROISM OF MEN WHO DELIVER THE GOODS - ENOUGH...AND ON TIME!

ATLANTIC WAR ZONE

AWARDED TO THE MERCHANT SEAMEN WHO SAIL OUR CONVOYS TO EUROPE AND ENGLAND THROUGH SUB-INFESTED WATERS.

MEDITERRANEAN ZONE

FOR SERVICE AGAINST ITALY, AND HELPING REMOVE THE NAZIS FROM NORTH AFRICA. ALSO AWARDED FOR SERVICE IN MIDDLE EAST.

PACIFIC WAR ZONE

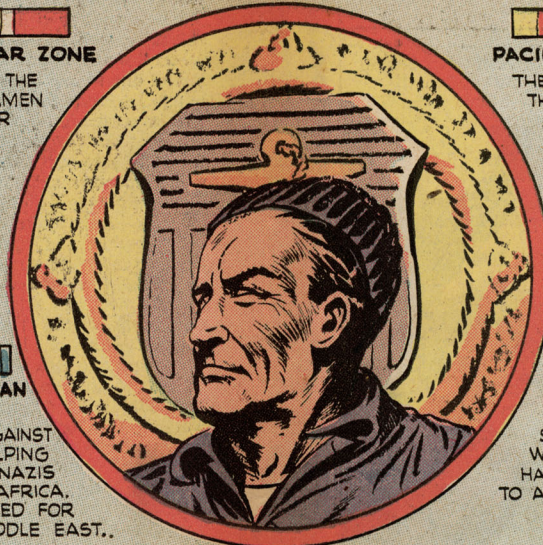
THE MEN WHO WEAR THIS SERVICE RIBBON ARE THOSE WHO GET THE GOODS THROUGH TO LICK THE JAPANESE!

COMBAT BAR

A MERCHANT SEAMAN WHO WEARS THIS RIBBON HAS BEEN FORCED TO ABANDON SHIP.

MARINER'S MEDAL

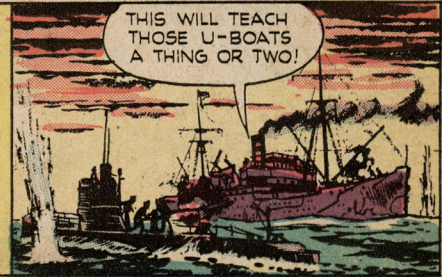
THE HIGHEST AWARD OF MERCHANT MARINE DUTY, THIS IS AWARDED ONLY TO THOSE WOUNDED IN ACTION, OR FOR DEATH RESULTING FROM DUTY.



IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, A MERCHANT SHIP CUT THE CABLE FROM CUBA TO MADRID WHILE UNDER CONSTANT SHELLING!



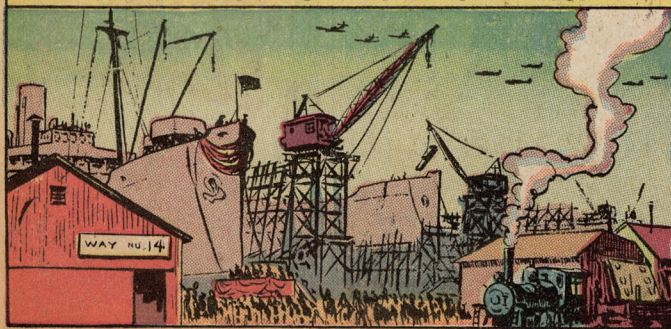
ON APRIL 19 1917, THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT SHIP "MONGOLIA" FIRED AMERICA'S FIRST SHOT IN WORLD WAR 1.



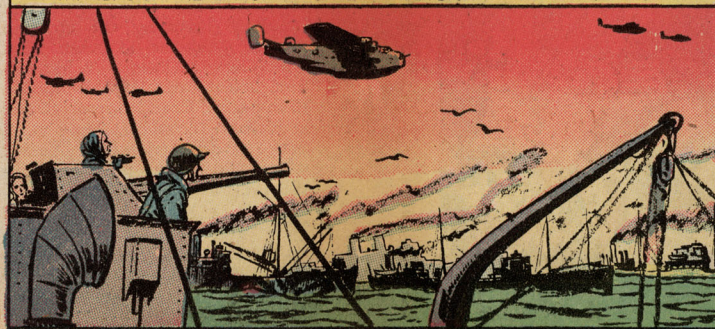
DURING WORLD WAR 1, AMERICAN COASTWISE VESSELS LED THE GREAT MINE-LAYING SQUADRON THAT BOTTLED UP THE GERMAN FLEET.



IN 1936, THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT WAS PASSED AND A GIGANTIC PROGRAM OF SHIPBUILDING WAS BEGUN.



IN WORLD WAR 2, THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE FLEET HELPED TRANSPORT THE LARGEST FORCE IN HISTORY TO INVADE AFRICA.



ALTHOUGH TORPEDOED MANY TIMES, MERCHANT SEAMEN HAVE RETURNED TO PORT TO "SHIP OUT" TIME AND TIME AGAIN!



BLACK GOLD

THE FASCINATING STORY OF OIL
(TECHNICAL DATA SUPPLIED BY STANDARD OIL CO. OF N.J.)



SINCE EARLIEST TIMES, OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS HAVE INFLUENCED THE LIVES OF MEN - PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER NATURAL RESOURCE. TODAY OIL IS A POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE STRUGGLE FOR VICTORY... AND THE LIFEBLOOD OF AMERICA'S MECHANIZED MIGHT!

THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, THE PERSIANS CAME UPON STREAMS OF OIL OOZING OUT OF THE MYSTERIOUS REGIONS UNDER THE EARTH'S SURFACE.



IT IS A
MIRACLE
OF THE
GODS!

LET
US BOW
DOWN!

WHEN THE OIL WAS ACCIDENTALLY SET AFIRE BY LIGHTNING, THE PERSIANS WERE POSITIVE IT WAS SACRED.



WE MUST ERECT SHRINES
AND TEMPLES TO PAY
HOMAGE TO THIS GOD
OF FLAME.

YES, IF WE DO
NOT, WE SHALL
SURELY BE
DESTROYED.

LONG BEFORE THE FIRST WHITE MEN LANDED IN AMERICA, INDIANS HAD DISCOVERED OIL.

SEE! THE FLOATING WATER CAN BE LIFTED LIKE THIS.

YES, BUT WHAT GOOD IS THIS WATER-AS-BLACK-AS-THE-NIGHT?



SOON...

IT MAKES MY WOUNDS HEAL FASTER!

LOOK! IT MAKES THE CLAY OF OUR WAR PAINT SPREAD EASILY.



IN 1595, SIR WALTER RALEIGH FOUND OIL IN TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES.

I MUST INFORM THE CROWN ABOUT THIS RICH SOURCE.

INDEED, THIS NEW WORLD IS FILLED WITH WEALTH OF MANY KINDS.

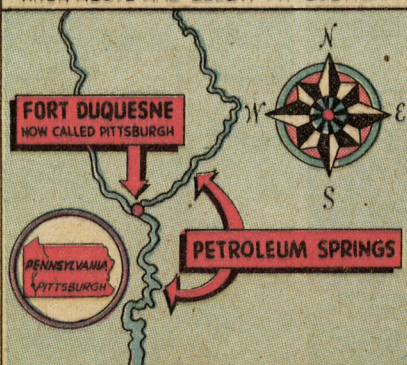


IN 1634, THE FRANCISCAN FRIAR, JOSEPH DE LA ROCHE D'ALLION, WROTE OF OIL IN WESTERN NEW YORK.



THE FIRST KNOWN MAP OF AMERICA'S OIL DEPOSITS WAS MADE BY PETER KALM AND PRINTED IN HIS BOOK, "TRAVELS INTO NORTH AMERICA", IN 1748.

NATURAL PETROLEUM SPRINGS WERE INDICATED ALONG THE MONONGAHELA RIVER ABOVE AND BELOW PITTSBURGH.



PECULIARLY ENOUGH, THE USUALLY RESOURCEFUL AMERICAN COLONISTS REGARDED OIL WITH DEEP DISGUST.

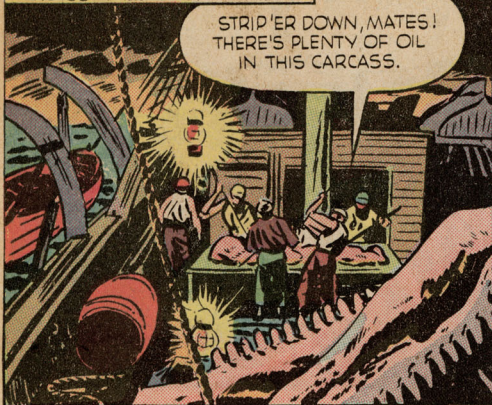
UGH! THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BLACK FLUID AGAIN!

WHY MUST IT SPURT FORTH AND INTERFERE WITH OUR SALT DRILLING?



IN COLONIAL AMERICA, MOST OIL FOR LAMPS WAS OBTAINED FROM WHALES.

STRIP 'ER DOWN, MATES!
THERE'S PLENTY OF OIL
IN THIS CARCASS.



BUT, ALONG ABOUT 1848, SAMUEL KIER, A PITTSBURGH DRUGGIST, FOUND A BETTER USE FOR 'SNAKE OIL'!

MY PETROLEUM OIL BURNS
BETTER THAN EITHER THE
CANDLE OR THE WHALE
OIL LAMP.

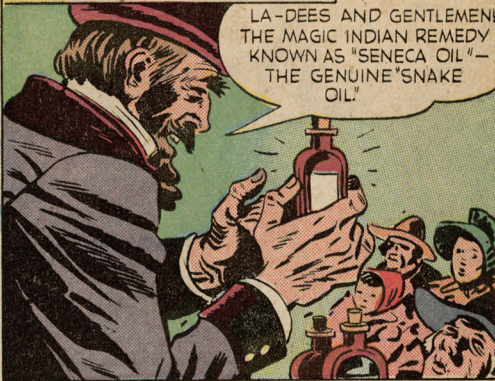
IT'S A GREAT
DISCOVERY!

I'LL BUY
ONE.



WHITE MEN BOUGHT PETROLEUM FROM THE INDIANS AND WENT FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE SELLING IT IN MEDICINE SHOWS.

LA-DEES AND GENTLEMEN!
THE MAGIC INDIAN REMEDY
KNOWN AS "SENECA OIL"—
THE GENUINE 'SNAKE
OIL'!



IN 1859, A GROUP OF BUSINESS MEN DECIDED TO HIRE "COLONEL" EDWIN L. DRAKE TO SEEK OIL NEAR TITUSVILLE, PA.

BUT COLONEL DRAKE—EVEN IF THERE IS OIL IN THE EARTH, HOW CAN WE GET IT OUT?

SIR, THEY'VE DRILLED SALT WATER THIS WAY. OIL WILL COME UP, TOO!

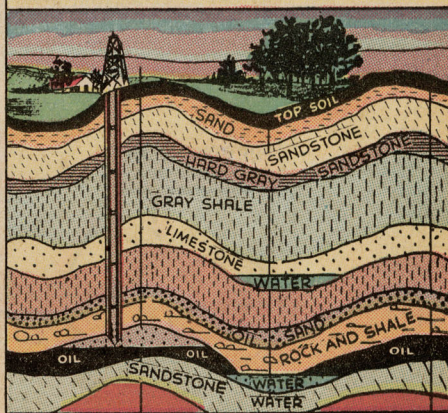


ONE DAY IN AUGUST, 1859, AFTER DRILLING DOWN TO SIXTY-NINE FEET...

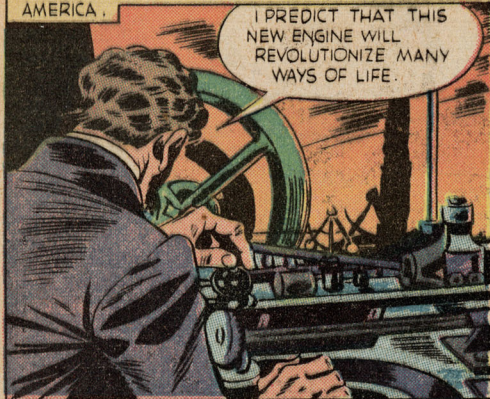
WE'VE STRUCK IT,
DRAKE! I CAN SEE
IT COMING!



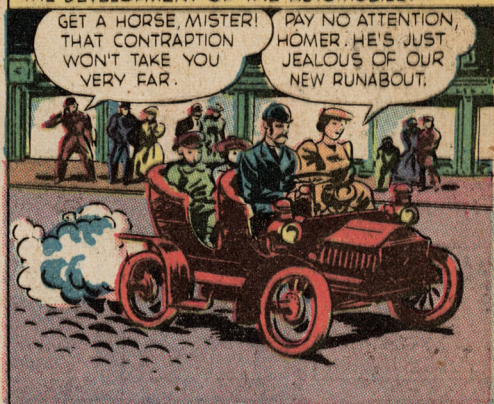
THIS SECTIONAL DIAGRAM SHOWS THE STRUCTURE OF THE EARTH WHERE OIL DEPOSITS EXIST.



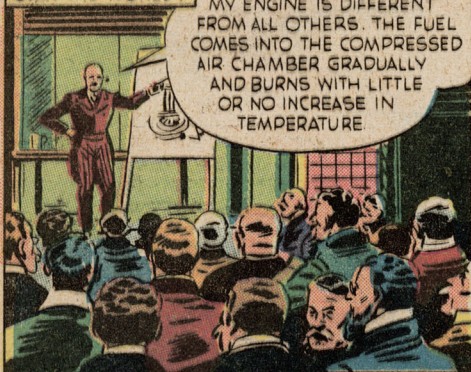
1860, THE FRENCH INVENTOR, LENOIR, MARKED THE FIRST REAL GASOLINE ENGINE IN FRANCE AND AMERICA.



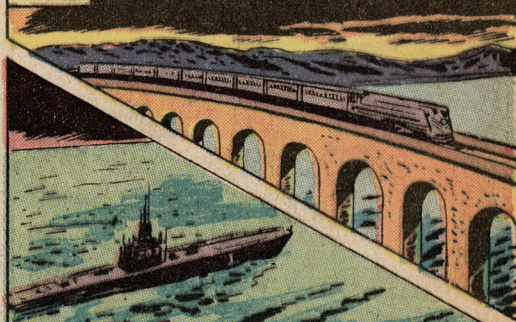
LENOIR WAS RIGHT. HIS ENGINE PIONEERED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUTOMOBILE.



IN 1897, AN ENGINE INVENTED BY RUDOLF DIESEL GREATLY INFLUENCED THE OIL INDUSTRY ALL OVER THE WORLD.

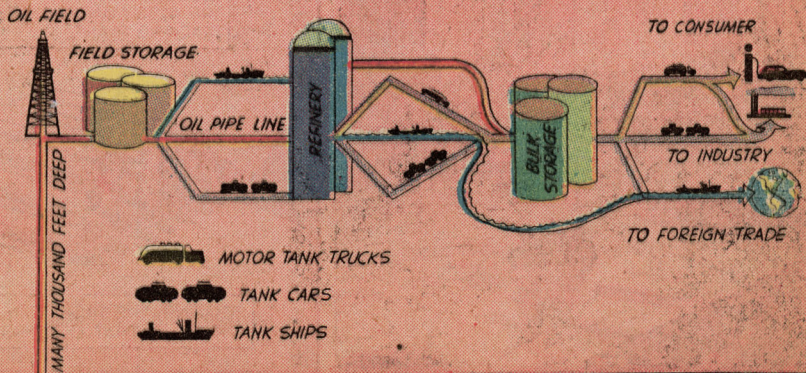


THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL-BURNING DIESEL ENGINE MADE POSSIBLE MODERN STREAMLINED TRAINS...

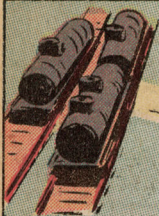


AS WELL AS THE SUPER-EFFICIENT SUBMARINES OF TODAY.

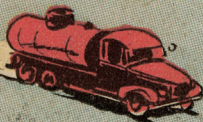
THE LARGE SCALE USE OF OIL AND ITS MANY PRODUCTS RESULTED IN A PRODUCTION LINE SYSTEM OF GETTING OIL FROM THE EARTH TO THE CONSUMER.



WITH THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, THE OIL COMPANIES RUSHED THEIR PRODUCTS TO HOME FRONTS AND BATTLEFRONTS BY EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS.



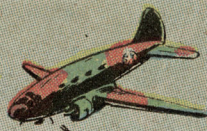
RAILROAD TANK CARS AND SPECIALLY EQUIPPED FREIGHT CARS CARRIED THE MAJOR LOADS.



HUGE TRAILER TRUCKS ROLLED ACROSS THE COUNTRY ALL DAY AND NIGHT.



OIL TANKERS RACED ALONG THE COASTLINES, DEFTLY THE SUBMARINE MENACE.



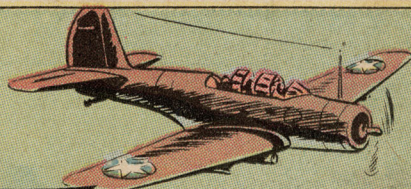
AIR CARGO EXPRESS PLANES CARRIED SCORES OF BARRELS AT MORE THAN 200 MILES PER HOUR.



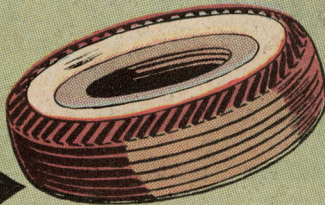
THE WORLD'S LONGEST PIPE LINE WAS LAID FROM SOUTHEAST TEXAS TO THE EASTERN COAST.

WHEN JAPAN SEIZED OUR NATURAL RUBBER SOURCES IN THE EAST INDIES, HUGE "CATALYST CRACKING PLANTS," LIKE THIS ONE, DEVELOPED BY STANDARD OIL CO. OF NEWJERSEY, WERE BUILT TO MAKE SYNTHETIC RUBBER AS WELL AS AVIATION GASOLINE.

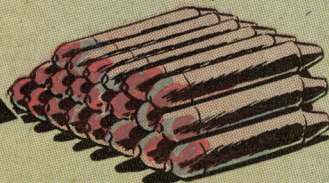
THE AMOUNT OF PETROLEUM GOING THROUGH THERE EVERY DAY IS A MILITARY SECRET, BUT IT'S PLENTY! WE'LL NEVER WORRY ABOUT GETTING NATURAL RUBBER AGAIN.



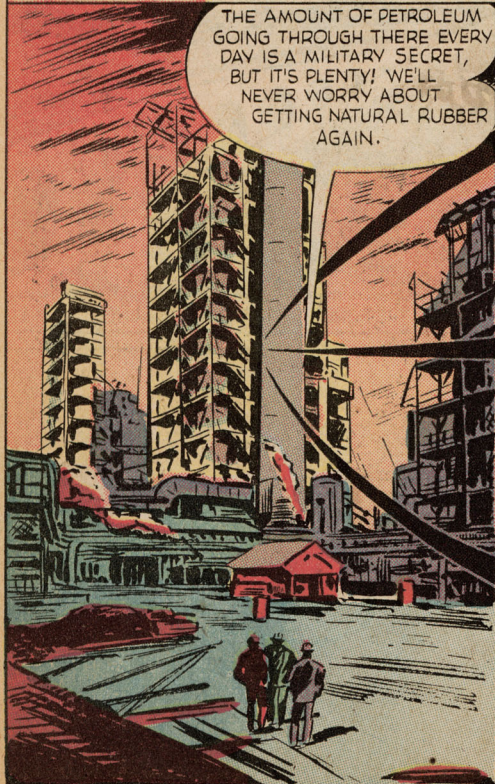
THE PLANT AT THE LEFT TURNS OUT 100-OCTANE GAS FOR FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS.



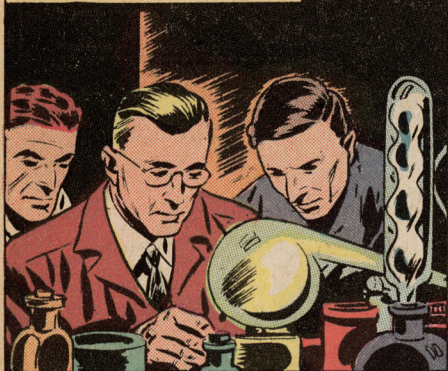
THE BASIC INGREDIENTS OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER FOR TIRES AND OTHER PRODUCTS ARE ALSO MANUFACTURED IN THE "CATALYST CRACKING PLANT."



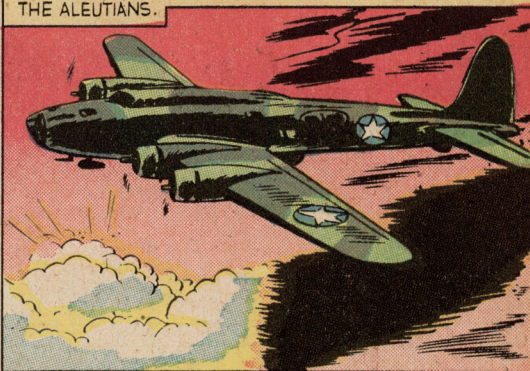
TOLUENE, THE THIRD "T" IN T.N.T., IS A THIRD PRODUCT THAT ORIGINATES HERE.



BUT THE OIL COMPANIES' RESEARCH MEN WERE NOT CONTENT TO STOP WITH THESE GREAT ADVANCES IN SCIENCE.



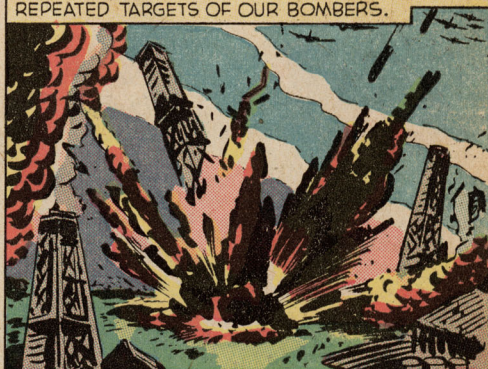
AMONG NEW DISCOVERIES WERE LUBRICANTS AND GREASES THAT FUNCTION WELL - WHETHER IN THE BLISTERING DESERT OR THE SUB-ZERO CLIMATE OF THE ALEUTIANS.



ACE CHEMISTS OF THE OIL INDUSTRY DEvised "FOG SCREENS" TO COVER THE INVASION TROOPS WHEN WE SWARMED INTO AFRICA, SICILY AND ITALY.



REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF OIL TO THE ENEMY AS WELL AS TO OUR FORCES, VARIOUS AXIS-HELD OIL FIELDS IN EUROPE HAVE BEEN THE REPEATED TARGETS OF OUR BOMBERS.



NORTH AMERICA, ALONE, PRODUCES MORE TOP-GRADE OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS THAN ALL THE AXIS NATIONS TOGETHER. THE DOTS ON THIS MAP SHOW THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION AND CONCENTRATION OF THE GREAT OIL-PRODUCING REGIONS OF THE WORLD.



OIL IS A MIGHTY WEAPON THAT HELPS INSURE OUR ULTIMATE VICTORY... AND A BETTER WORLD THEREAFTER.



IS IT TRUE?

BY NATALIE PURVIN PRAGER
ORIGINATOR OF THE GAME PARADE RADIO QUIZ

Can YOU answer these Questions?

1 IS IT TRUE THAT A SNAKE CANNOT CLOSE ITS EYES?
YES ☐ NO ☐

CHECK "YES" IF TRUE OR "NO" UNDER EACH PICTURE. DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT THE CORRECT ANSWERS ARE WRITTEN UPSIDE-DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. SEE IF YOU CAN STICK YOUR FRIENDS ON THEM!



3 IS IT TRUE THAT THESE ARE THE THREE PRIMARY COLORS?
YES ☐ NO ☐



2 IS IT TRUE THAT CAMELLIAS ARE FEMALE CAMELS?
YES ☐ NO ☐



5 IS IT TRUE THAT PRESIDENT LINCOLN IS BURIED IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY?
YES ☐ NO ☐



7 IS IT TRUE THAT A BARRISTER IS AN INSTRUMENT USED TO DETERMINE CHANGES IN THE WEATHER?
YES ☐ NO ☐



8 IS IT TRUE THAT A MALLARD IS A WILD DUCK?
YES ☐ NO ☐



9 IS IT TRUE THAT KIT CARSON WAS A FICTIONAL CHARACTER?
YES ☐ NO ☐



6 IS IT TRUE THAT WHEN THE GROUND HOG SEES HIS SHADOW IT INDICATES THE COMING OF WINTER?
YES ☐ NO ☐



10 IS IT TRUE THAT THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF THE WORD "ETIQUETTE" WAS TO 'KEEP OFF THE GRASS'?
YES ☐ NO ☐



11 IS IT TRUE THAT A TWO-SEATED BICYCLE IS CALLED A TANTRUM?
YES ☐ NO ☐



12 IS IT TRUE THAT MAPLE TREES ARE TAPPED FOR SYRUP IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR?
YES ☐ NO ☐



13 IS IT TRUE THAT PENICILLIN IS A COMBINATION PEN AND PENCIL?
YES ☐ NO ☐



14 IS IT TRUE THAT A TOADSTOOL IS ANOTHER NAME FOR A MUSHROOM?
YES ☐ NO ☐

Answers to "IS IT TRUE?"

After you have finished this quiz, turn the page upside-down and find the answers:

1. Yes. It has no eyelids. 2. No. Camellias are flowers. 3. No. The three primary colors are red, yellow and blue. 4. Yes. The expression is that when this happens it indicates the coming of Spring. 5. No. Springfield, Ill. 6. No. He was a famous hunter and guide. 7. Yes. A barometer is another name for a lawyer. 8. Yes. This originated at the Court of Louis XIV of France. 9. No. It is called a tandem. 10. No. Maple trees are tapped in the Spring. 11. No. It is a drug. 12. Yes. One tapped in the Spring. 13. No. Gen. Clark is in command of the American Fifth Army now in Europe. 14. Yes. It is a combination pen and pencil. 15. Yes. It is a combination pen and pencil.



15 IS IT TRUE THAT LT. GENERAL MARK CLARK IS COMMANDER OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA?
YES ☐ NO ☐

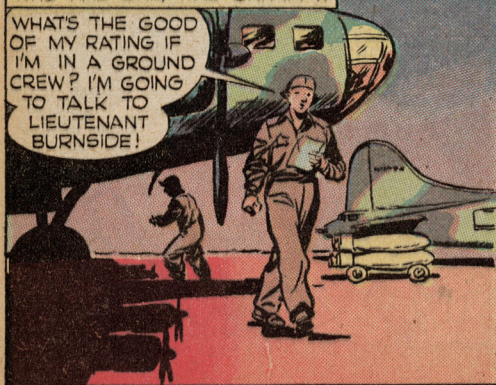
FEARLESS FUNMAKER



TECHNICAL SERGEANT **IRVING FENSTER** WAS READY TO DO ANYTHING JUST TO GET A CRACK AT THE JAPS, BUT ONE DAY HE LET HIS ENTHUSIASM RUN AWAY WITH HIM—AND SOMETHING VERY UNEXPECTED HAPPENED.

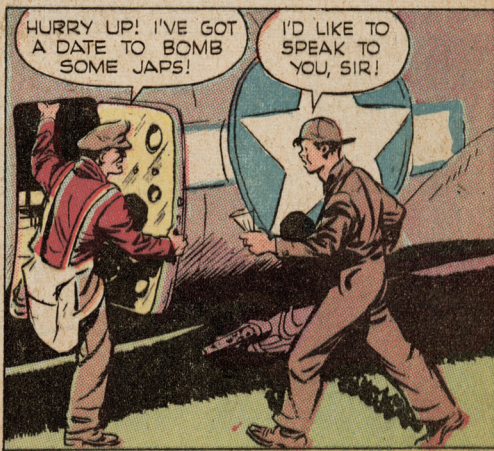
A TECHNICAL SERGEANT'S RATING IS SOMETHING MOST SOLDIERS PRAY FOR—BUT IRVING FENSTER, WHO HAD ONE, WAS UNHAPPY.

WHAT'S THE GOOD OF MY RATING IF I'M IN A GROUND CREW? I'M GOING TO TALK TO LIEUTENANT BURNSIDE!



HURRY UP! I'VE GOT A DATE TO BOMB SOME JAPS!

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU, SIR!



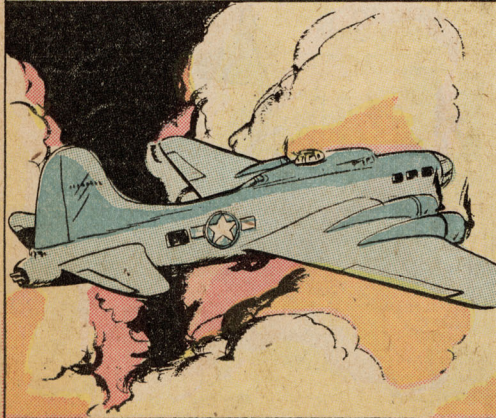
I JUST CAN'T BE IN A GROUND CREW HERE IN AUSTRALIA, SIR. NOW I'VE GOT SOMETHING NEW TO FIGHT FOR. LOOK, SIR!



FENSTER, YOU'VE BEEN BOTHERING ME ABOUT GOING ON A BOMBING FLIGHT FOR WEEKS. IT'S OKAY WITH ME. IF YOU CAN GET THE SQUADRON COMMANDER TO SAY OKAY, TOO—YOU'RE IN!



THE BOMBER STARTED ON ITS ASSIGNMENT.



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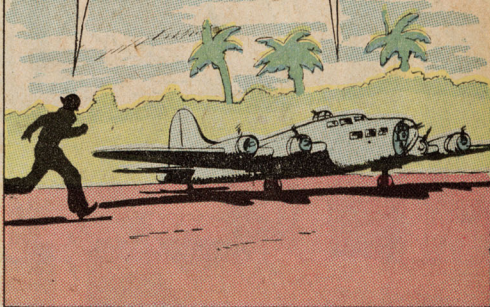
TECHNICAL SERGEANT I.L. FENSTER
HAPPY INFORM YOU WIFE GAVE
BIRTH TO SON TODAY BOTH
DOING FINE.

DR. J. BLUMBERG
BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL

FENSTER RUSHED AWAY, BUT RETURNED A FEW MINUTES LATER.

I'M IN LUCK,
SIR. THE MAJOR
SAID OKAY!

ALL RIGHT
THEN—HOP
IN!

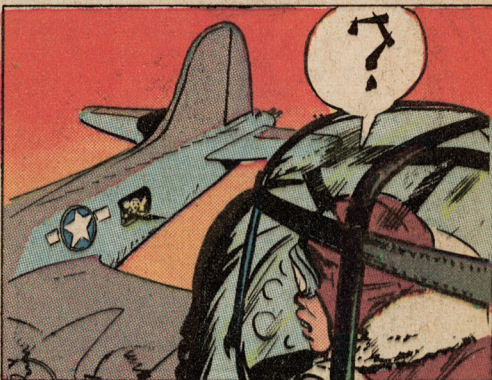
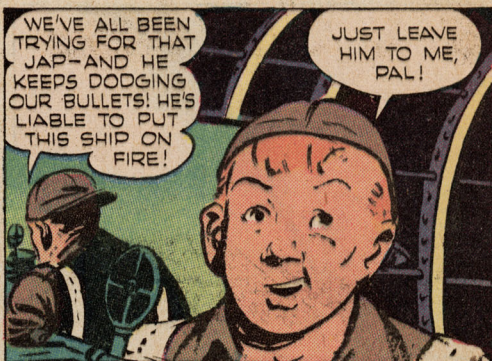
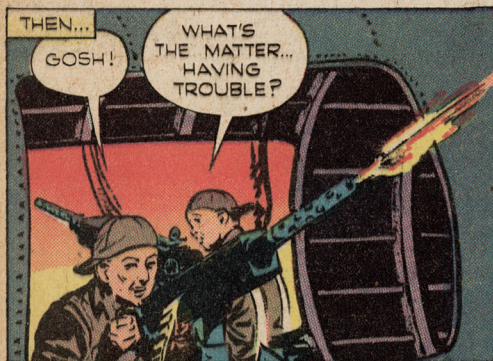
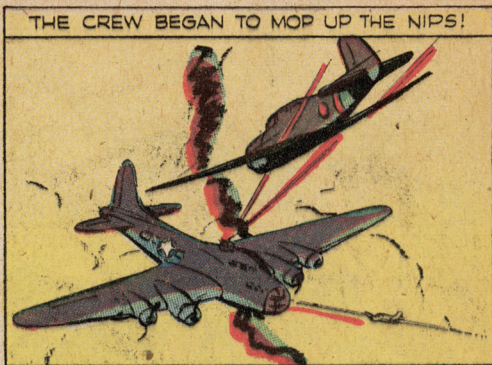
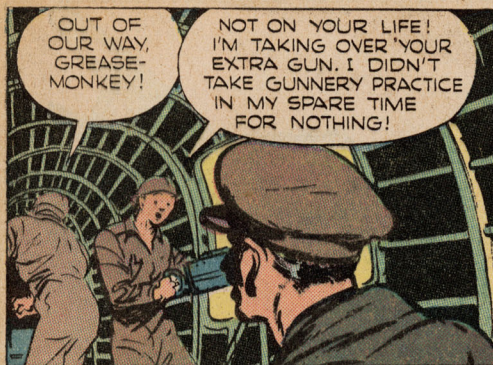


SUDDENLY...

ZEROS!

I SEE 'EM...
PILOT TO CREW:
ZEROS COMING
RIGHT AT US!





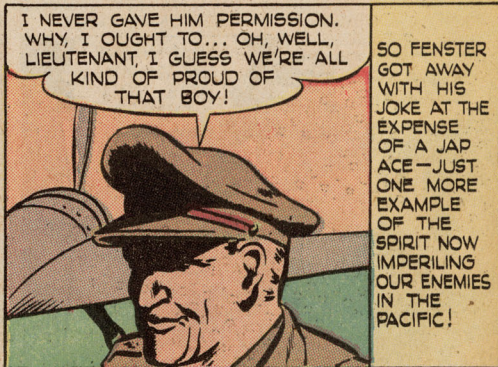
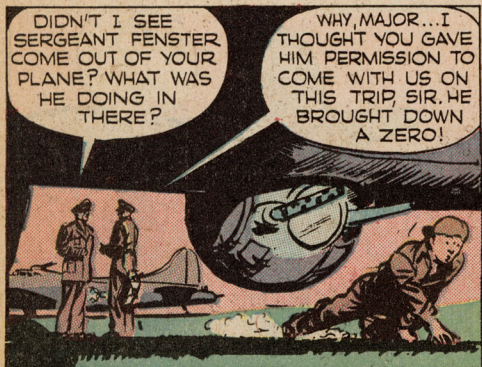
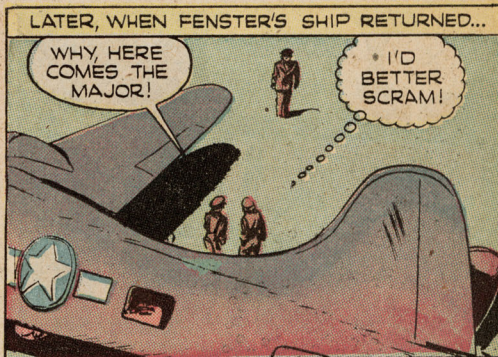
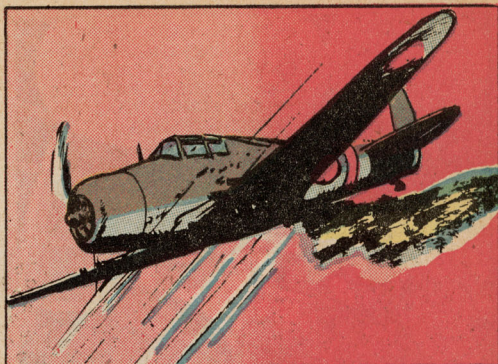
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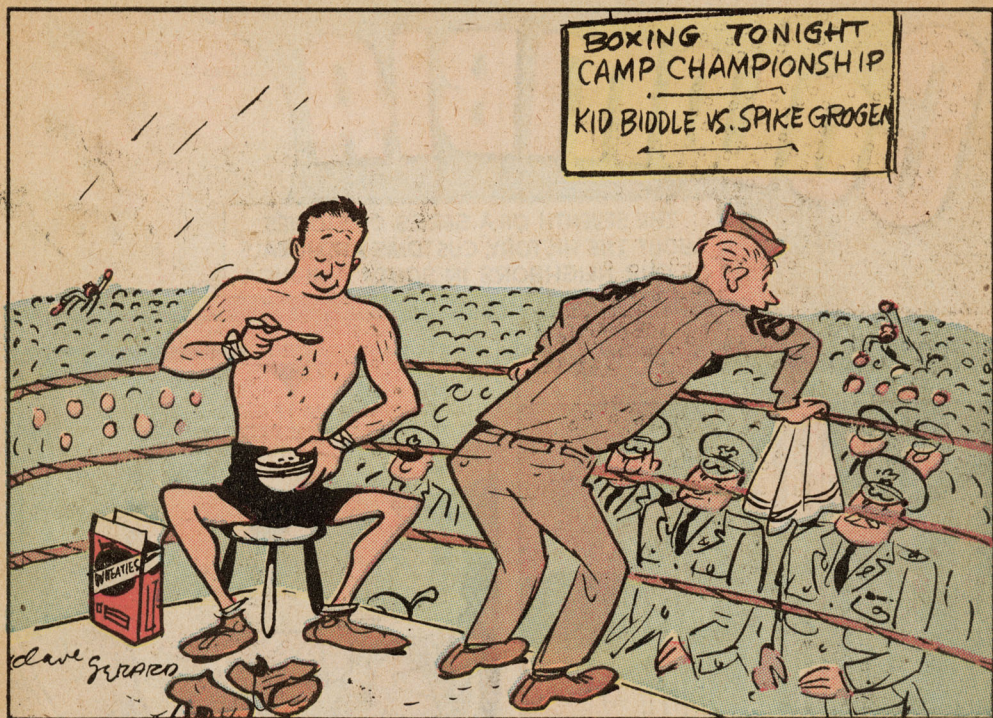
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COLOMBIA

THE SEVENTH OF A SERIES OF STORIES
ABOUT THE HISTORY, CUSTOMS AND IDEALS
OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN SOUTH AMERICA



COLOMBIA, THE SO-CALLED "TREASURE CHEST OF SOUTH AMERICA," HAS A GREAT CULTURAL HERITAGE WHICH HAS MADE IT A BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERAL THOUGHT.



IN 1525 THE SPANISH COASTAL TOWN OF SANTA MARTA WAS FOUNDED.

I HAVE HEARD
THAT THE INLAND
COUNTRY IS RICH
WITH JEWELS
AND GOLD.

YES, BUT THE
FIERCE CHIBCHA
INDIANS HAVE
KILLED ALL INTRUDERS.
IT IS SAFER TO MAKE
OUR HOMES HERE.



BUT, IN 1536, JIMENEZ DE QUESADA LED A
FORCE OF 600 MEN INTO CHIBCHA TERRITORY.

LOOK!
AN INDIAN
VILLAGE!

HALT! THE
SCOUT IS
SIGNALLING!
THERE MUST
BE DANGER!



SUDDENLY, THE SCOUT WAS SEIZED.

THERE MUST BE MORE. BEAT THE DRUMS... THEY WILL SOON TASTE OUR POISON ARROWS.



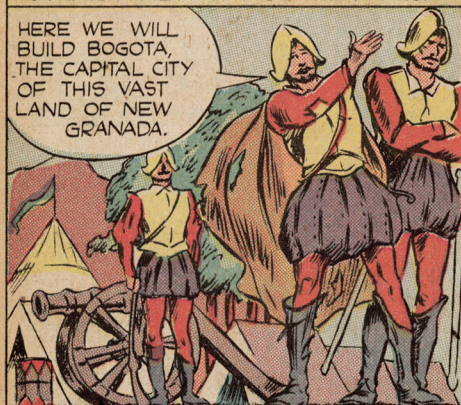
THERE WAS A FIERCE BATTLE AND MANY SPANIARDS WERE KILLED BEFORE QUESADA COULD MAKE THE CHIEF UNDERSTAND HIS MISSION.

WE WANT TO SETTLE ON FRIENDLY TERMS. WE DO NOT WISH TO CONQUER YOU AS OTHER SPANIARDS HAVE TRIED TO DO.



UNMOLESTED, QUESADA AND HIS SETTLERS REACHED A HIGH PLATEAU IN THE ANDES.

HERE WE WILL BUILD BOGOTA, THE CAPITAL CITY OF THIS VAST LAND OF NEW GRANADA.



FROM THIS CENTRAL POINT, EXPLORATIONS STARTED IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND THE RICH EMERALD GOLD AND PLATINUM DEPOSITS MADE NEW GRANADA'S TRADE IMPORTANT.

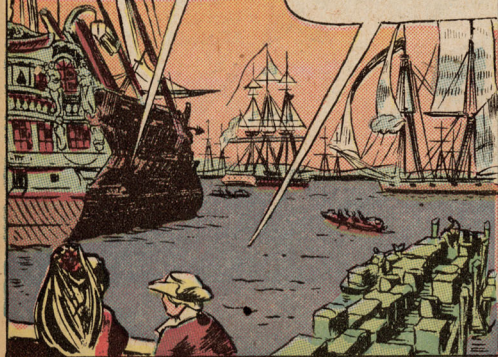
AS A RESULT, THE CARIBBEAN SEAPORT OF CARTAGENA PROSPERED.

OUR CITY MAY BECOME THE GREATEST PORT IN THE COLONIES.



THOSE SHIPS WILL CONVOY OUR TREASURES OF JEWELS TO SPAIN.

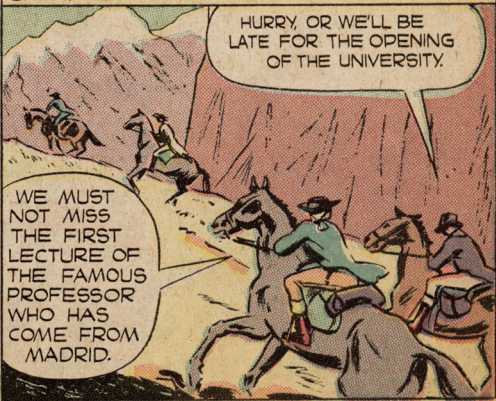
YES, WE CONTINUE TO FILL THE KING'S POCKETS BUT GET NOTHING IN RETURN.



MEANWHILE, BOGOTA RAPIDLY BECAME A GREAT CENTER OF LEARNING.

HURRY, OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY.

WE MUST NOT MISS THE FIRST LECTURE OF THE FAMOUS PROFESSOR WHO HAS COME FROM MADRID.



BUT SPAIN'S EXPLOITATION OF HER COLONIES SOON LED TO REVOLUTION, AND SIMON BOLIVAR HEADED NEW GRANADA'S STRUGGLE.

DOWN WITH THE SPANISH OPPRESSORS! WE WANT INDEPENDENCE.



AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT, HE WAS JOINED BY 6000 BRITISH ADVENTURERS.

WE HAVE COME AS FREE MEN TO AID BOLIVAR IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST SPANISH DOMINATION.

WELCOME! OUR LEADER CAN USE EVERY GOOD SOLDIER



IN 1819...

I, BOLIVAR, PROCLAIM THE REPUBLIC OF GREATER COLOMBIA. THE SWORD HAS MADE YOU INDEPENDENT- THE LAW WILL MAKE YOU FREE.



IN 1821 'GREATER COLOMBIA' INCLUDED THE PRESENT COUNTRIES OF COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, PANAMA AND EQUADOR. BOLIVAR WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. LATER, HOWEVER, VENEZUELA AND EQUADOR WITHDREW FROM 'GREATER COLOMBIA'.

FROM 1821 TO 1903 THERE WERE FREQUENT INTERNAL STRUGGLES BETWEEN LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE GROUPS.

THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT MOVE WITH THE TIMES.

FIE UPON YOU AND YOUR NEW IDEAS!

COLOMBIA IS THE HOME OF LIBERAL THOUGHT

DOWN WITH THE CONSERVATIVES



IN PANAMA, 1880...

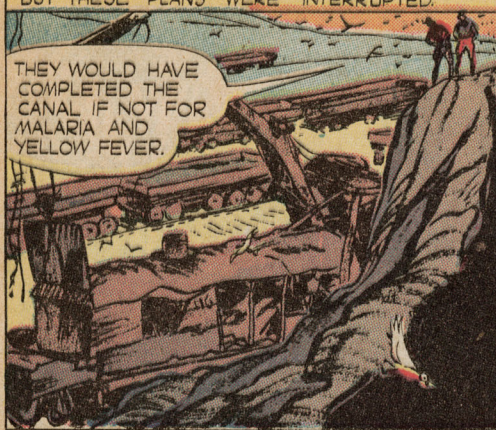
THE NEW CANAL WILL CONNECT THE ATLANTIC WITH THE PACIFIC.

YES, SHIPS WILL BE ABLE TO PASS RIGHT THROUGH INSTEAD OF GOING ALL THE WAY AROUND SOUTH AMERICA.



BUT THESE PLANS WERE INTERRUPTED.

THEY WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THE CANAL IF NOT FOR MALARIA AND YELLOW FEVER.



THE UNITED STATES OFFERED TO TAKE OVER THE VENTURE, BUT...

WE COLOMBIANS WILL NEVER SELL OUR LAND FOR A FEW PALTRY MILLIONS.

NO... NEVER!

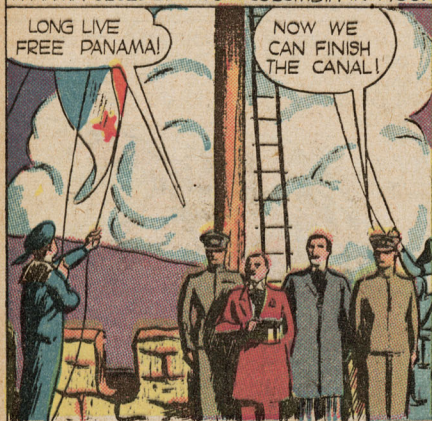


PANAMA SECEDED FROM COLOMBIA IN 1903.

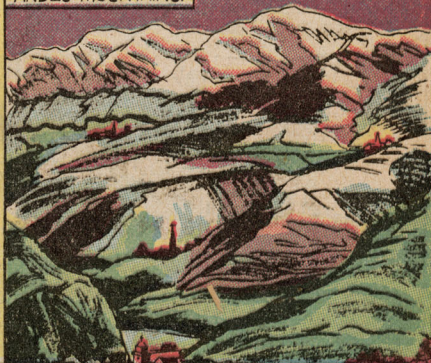
LONG LIVE FREE PANAMA!

NOW WE CAN FINISH THE CANAL!

BUT BITTER FEELING REMAINED UNTIL 1921, WHEN THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO PAY COLOMBIA FOR THE LOSS OF PANAMA.



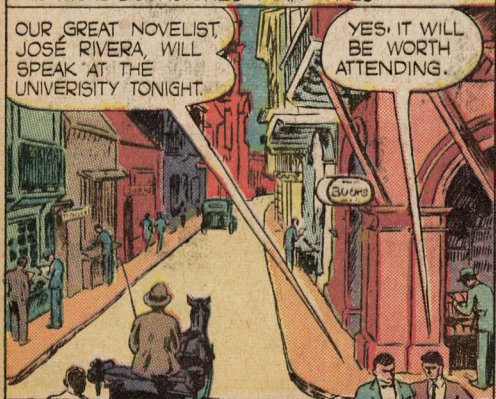
COLOMBIA'S 450,000 SQUARE MILE AREA IS NATURALLY DIVIDED INTO MANY SMALL, SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITIES BY THE ANDES MOUNTAINS.



BOGOTA, THE CAPITAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER, HAS MORE BOOKSTORES THAN CAFES.

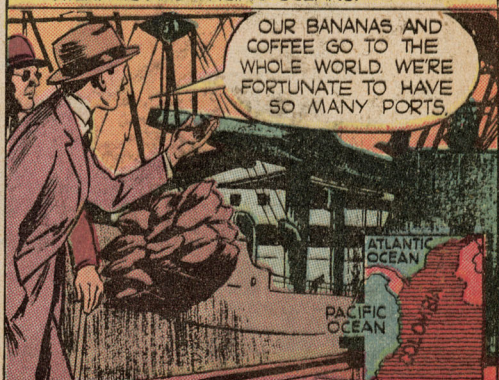
OUR GREAT NOVELIST JOSÉ RIVERA, WILL SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY TONIGHT.

YES, IT WILL BE WORTH ATTENDING.

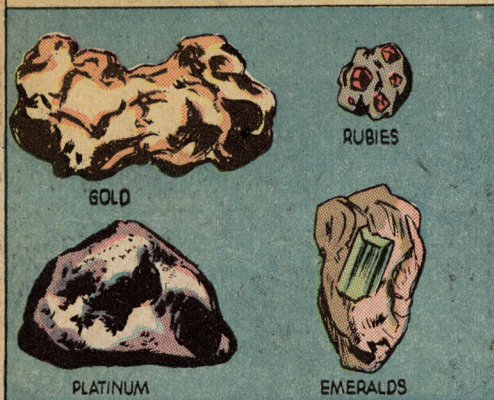


COLOMBIA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA WITH SEACOAST ON BOTH THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS.

OUR BANANAS AND COFFEE GO TO THE WHOLE WORLD. WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY PORTS.



COLOMBIA HAS OTHER RICHES—GOLD, RUBIES, PLATINUM AND THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPPLY OF EMERALDS.



IT HAS LARGE PETROLEUM DEPOSITS TOO WITH PIPELINES CARRYING OIL FROM THE JUNGLE TO THE COAST.



COLOMBIA'S MOUNTAINS HAVE ALWAYS MADE TRANSPORTATION A PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IN 1919, A GERMAN AIRLINE, SCADTA, WAS BUILT.

PANAMA TO BOGOTA IN THREE AND A HALF HOURS!

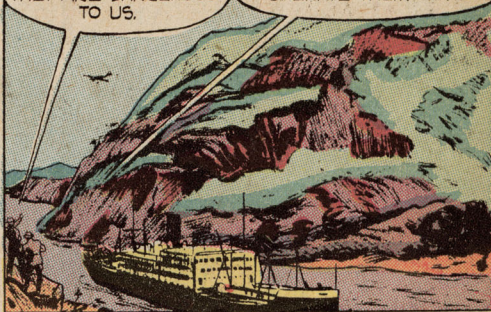
YES, IT USED TO TAKE SIXTEEN DAYS.



BUT THE NAZIS HAD DESIGNS ON THESE GERMAN-OPERATED LINES.

THOSE PLANES ARE FLYING TOO CLOSE TO THE PANAMA CANAL. THEY ARE DANGEROUS TO US.

YOU ARE RIGHT. COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE CONTROL AND OPERATE THEM JOINTLY.



NOW, IN A WORLD AT WAR AGAINST FASCISM...



IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL AMERICANS THAT THEY CAN COUNT AMONG THEIR GOOD NEIGHBORS THE COLOMBIANS, A PEOPLE WHO FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE IDEALS OF WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.

GIANT KILLERS



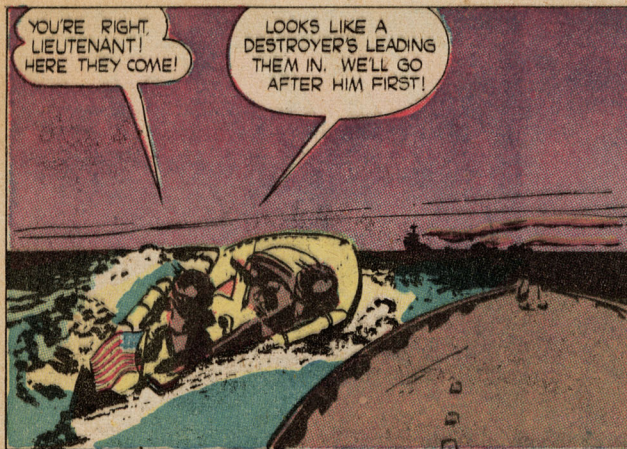
THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 7, 1942, THREE ELCO PT'S WERE ON PATROL, COMMANDED BY LIEUTENANTS ROBINSON, GREENE AND NIKOLORIC. ABOARD LT. GREENE'S BOAT...

A PERFECT
NIGHT FOR
TROUBLE!

YES, THE JAPS WOULDN'T PASS
UP A CHANCE LIKE THIS TO
SNEAK IN AND SHELL OUR
MARINES AROUND HENDERSON FIELD.

AFTER THE U.S. MARINES DROVE THE JAPS OFF GUADALCANAL AND TULAGI, TOJO'S MEN CAME BACK TIME AFTER TIME TO TRY AND RECAPTURE THE ISLANDS. IT WAS THE JOB OF A SQUADRON OF PT BOATS TO SEE THAT THEY DIDN'T—AND WHAT A JOB THE LITTLE "GIANT KILLERS" DID!



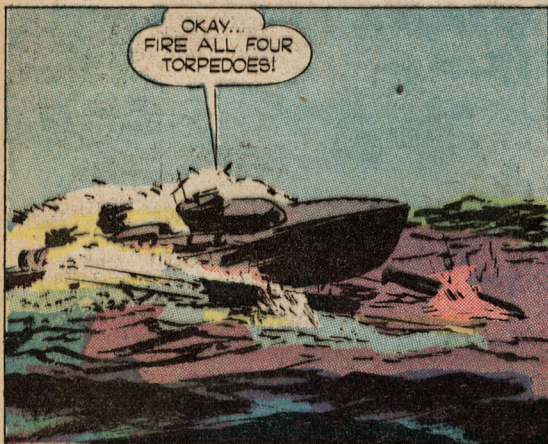


YOU'RE RIGHT, LIEUTENANT! HERE THEY COME!

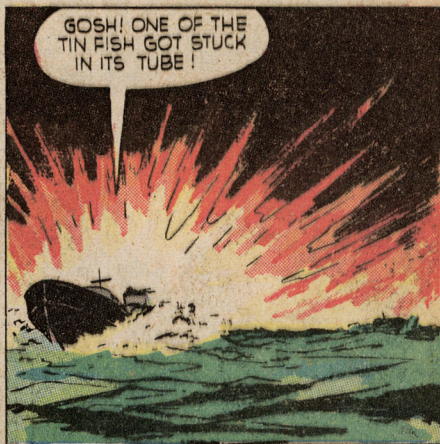
LOOKS LIKE A DESTROYER'S LEADING THEM IN. WE'LL GO AFTER HIM FIRST!

LT. GREENE MANEUVERED HIS PT FOR A SHOT.

CAREFUL... IT COSTS TEN THOUSAND BUCKS TO SEND ONE OF THOSE TORPEDOES ON ITS WAY. LET'S BE SURE WE HIT WHAT WE AIM AT!



OKAY... FIRE ALL FOUR TORPEDOES!



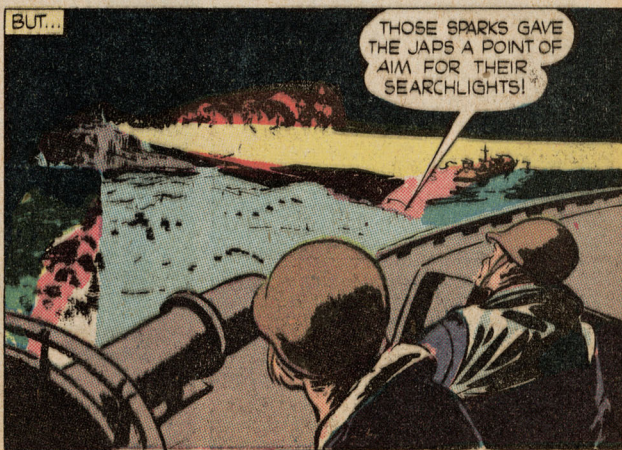
GOSH! ONE OF THE TIN FISH GOT STUCK IN ITS TUBE!

TORPEDOMAN GODDARD RUSHED OVER.



IT'S CLEAR NOW!

BUT...

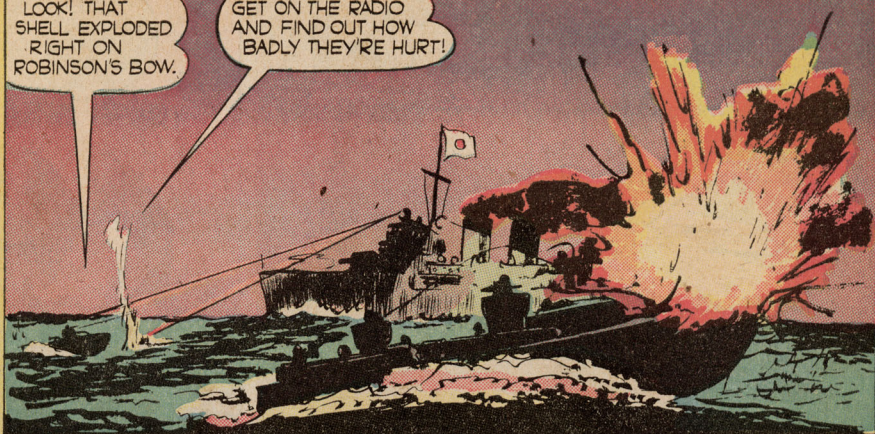


THOSE SPARKS GAVE THE JAPS A POINT OF AIM FOR THEIR SEARCHLIGHTS!

TRAPPED IN
THE LIGHTS,
GREENE'S
AND
ROBINSON'S
BOATS,
MADE
EASY
TARGETS.

LOOK! THAT
SHELL EXPLODED
RIGHT ON
ROBINSON'S BOW.

GET ON THE RADIO
AND FIND OUT HOW
BADLY THEY'RE HURT!



ROBBIE! ROBBIE! ARE YOU
OKAY? ANYBODY HIT?



WE'RE ALL RIGHT.
NOBODY WAS UP
FORWARD WHEN
THE SHELL HIT.



IT LOOKS BAD FOR
ROBBIE AND
HIS BUNCH...

YEAH, THE JAPS ARE
POURING IT ON TO TRY
AND FINISH THEM OFF.



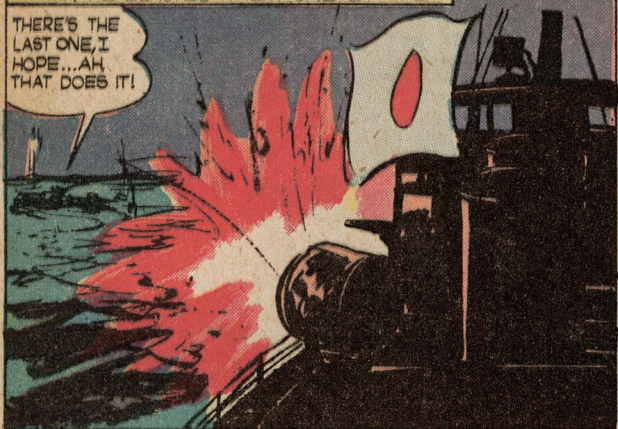
WEDGED IN HIS TURRET ON
ROBINSON'S BOAT, MATE
PARRISH WENT TO WORK.

IF I CAN KNOCK OUT THOSE
SEARCHLIGHTS, WE MAY STILL
HAVE A CHANCE.



COOLLY, HE BLASTED THEM ONE BY ONE.

THERE'S THE
LAST ONE, I
HOPE...AH
THAT DOES IT!

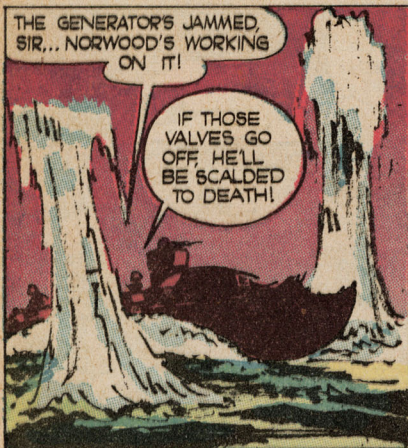


SWEET SHOOTING, PAL...
LET'S GET OUR SMOKE
GENERATOR GOING. WE'LL
BE SAFER BEHIND A
GOOD SCREEN.



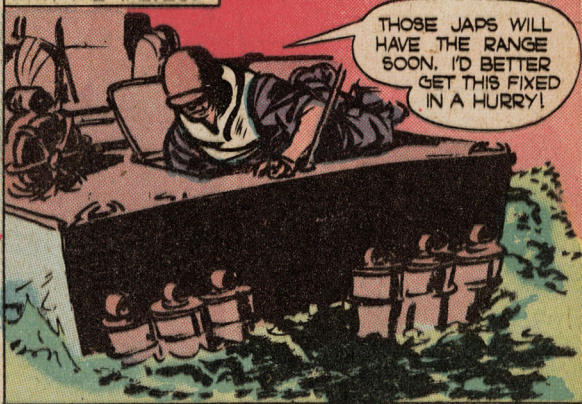
THE GENERATOR'S JAMMED,
SIR... NORWOOD'S WORKING
ON IT!

IF THOSE
VALVES GO
OFF HE'LL
BE SCALDED
TO DEATH!

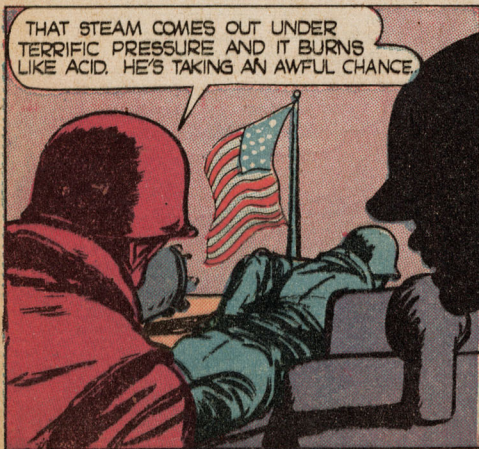


ON HANDS AND KNEES, TORPEDOWAN NORWOOD WRESTLED
WITH THE VALVES.

THOSE JAPS WILL
HAVE THE RANGE
SOON. I'D BETTER
GET THIS FIXED
IN A HURRY!

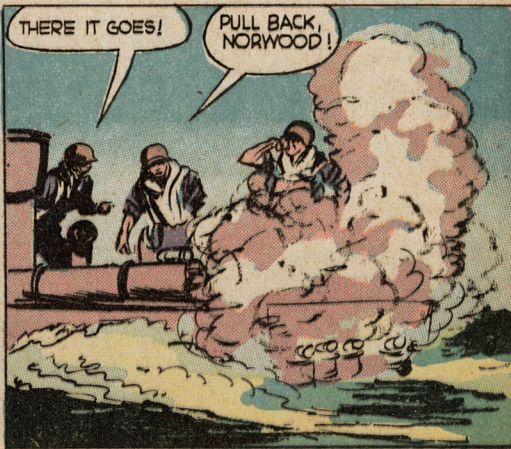


THAT STEAM COMES OUT UNDER
TERRIFIC PRESSURE AND IT BURNS
LIKE ACID. HE'S TAKING AN AWFUL CHANCE.



THERE IT GOES!

PULL BACK,
NORWOOD!



FACE AND ARMS SCALDED NORWOOD
STAGGERED AWAY.

THE SMOKE'S
COMING OUT
BACKWARDS...
I'LL HAVE TO
GO BACK AND
FIX IT.

THERE...
SHE'S OKAY
FINALLY.

GREAT WORK, NORWOOD.
WE'LL BE SAFE FROM
THAT JAP DESTROYER'S
GUNS NOW!

BEHIND
THE
HEAVY
SMOKE
SCREEN,
THE
PT
BOAT
ELUDED
THE
JAPS.

YOU SAVED ALL
OUR LIVES,
NORWOOD. WE'LL
BE HOME SOON.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?

NOT SO BAD.
LET'S GO BACK
TOMORROW AND
GET THAT JAP

THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO GO BACK... WHILE THE
JAPS WERE CHASING ROBINSON'S BOAT,
LT. NIKOLORIC SLIPPED IN CLOSE TO THE
DESTROYER AND...

WOWIE! A
DIRECT HIT!

THE ACTION THAT NIGHT WAS TYPICAL OF
THE HEROIC EXPLOITS OF THE MEN WHO
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Charles: Truthfully, Sir, I'm glad it's Friday!

Nora Koss, Louisville, Ky.

Jose: I have a question which I'll bet you can't answer. Why do people say that Ireland is the richest country in the world?

Jane: I can't figure it out.

Jose: The capital is Dublin, and has been for many, many years!

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No, tell me about it.

That peppermint all day sucker got a licking!

Jane Daniels, Salt Lake City, Ut.

Wife: Please, Bill, can't you slow this car down?

Bill: We're not going very fast, dear.

Wife: I know, but there is a policeman in back of us on a motorcycle who can't get past!

Tom Harper, Snow Hill, N. C.

Why are you tired out on April Fool's Day?

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Sammy Campbell, Hollywood, Fla.



Little six-year-old George came running home from school one afternoon, yelling, "I'm Superman, I'm Superman." His mother looked questioningly at him and asked: "Who is Superman, George?"

"Why," he answered, "he's the man who makes soup!"

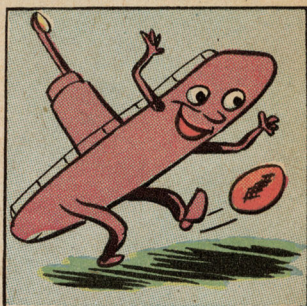
Ann George, Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Snodgrass: All the articles on this page of the mail order catalogue are marked: "Not Available".

Mrs. Mistletoe: Then why are you reading it? You know you can't buy anything.

Mrs. Snodgrass: Oh, but I'm just window shopping!

Bruce Bond, Milwaukee, Wis.



Player: Hey, coach, will you please flood the field?

Coach: What for?

Player: So you can put me in as a sub!

Russel Cordamere, Eddington, Pa.

Joey: What's the matter, Tommy?

Tommy: Boo hoo, I just got spanked.

Joey: Does your mother spank you?

Tommy: Yes.

Joey: Does your father spank you?

Tommy: Sure.

Joey: Which hurts most, Tommy?

Tommy: I DO!

Donald Andress, Brownfield, Tex.

Sammy: I know someone who eats concrete.

Jimmy: How's that?

Sammy: I was walking down the street with a man one afternoon and we passed a restaurant. I usually eat there and so I invited him in for lunch. He said that he wasn't hungry just then, but when he was, he preferred eating up the street!

Jordan Milly, New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Clark: Aren't you the same man I gave a piece of my pie to last week?

Tramp: No, ma'am, and what's more, the doctor says I never will be!

C. Fred Hasting, Jr., Connorsville, Ind.

Young Girl: What beautiful fresh flowers you brought me! Why, I do believe there is a little dew left on them.

Boy: Yes, there is, but I promise to pay it off tomorrow!

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